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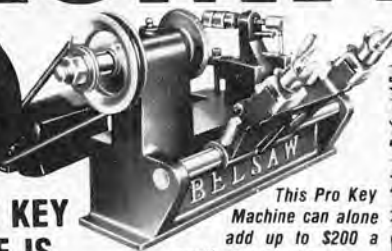
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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

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The two men sat at opposite corners of the dressing room, as far apart from each other as they could. Ted DiBiase had his head down and was looking at the floor. Michael Hayes sat against the concrete wall with his eyes closed. Neither man spoke to the other. And in less than 10 minutes, DiBiase and Hayes would walk into the ring--as partners.

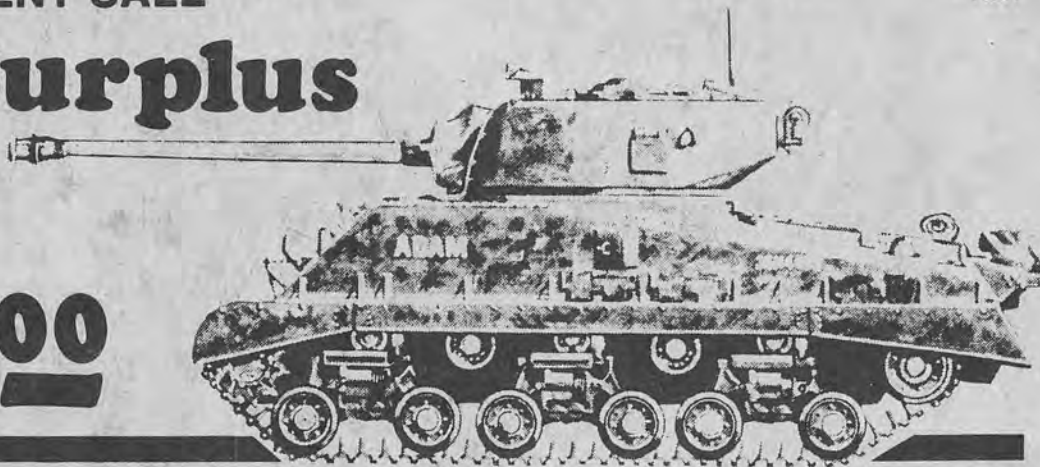
The uneasy truce between the two continued as they left the dressing room. "You first, Hayes," DiBiase said, gesturing towards the door. They may be partners, but Ted DiBiase still won't turn his back on Michael Hayes.

After the match--in which they were victorious--Hayes and DiBiase left the ring quickly without congratulating each other. Hayes walked back into the dressing room while DiBiase remained in the corridor, almost looking for someone to talk to. He obviously had no desire to see Hayes any more than was absolutely necessary.

"Look, I still don't like the guy," DiBiase told me, "and I hate the way he wrestles. As soon as he turned on Gordy a few months ago, you guys in the press wrote flowery pieces about how Hayes was a scientific wrestler. It's a bunch of crap. The guy has not changed his style one bit."

So why are Ted DiBiase and Michael Hayes partners? DiBiase drew a deep breath before answering. "We're together because we have the same goal. We both despise Terry Gordy and Jimmy Snuka. But that's where the similarities end. After we beat Gordy and Snuka, I never want to see Hayes' face again, let alone team with him." Just then, the door to the dressing room opened and Hayes walked out. He passed DiBiase without saying a word. Ted entered the room and shut the door.

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Larry Zbyszko defies the referee's order to remove his shin from Bruno Sammartino's throat. Craig Peters has learned that Zbyszko is planning his return to the WWF.

I DOWNSHIFTED INTO second and careened into my driveway. It was getting late: nearly 6:30, which meant that I had missed half of *The Uncle Floyd Show* already.

Hastily turning on the television, I opened a beer while the set warmed up. I was prepared for comedy, I was prepared for insanity, but I was not prepared for what I would soon witness.

It was the point in the program where Floyd reads some fan club news. Usually a low point as far as I'm concerned, I went into the kitchen to fetch another brew. When I returned, I thought someone had changed the channel on me, despite the fact that I was the only one in the house.

Zbyszko! Larry Zbyszko?! Something strange is happening here. Larry Zbyszko trying to play the piano? Then I see him tearing apart the studio, knocking apart Floyd's walls.

I'm very confused. Maybe somebody slipped something into the burger I had for dinner. Perhaps I need a lengthy vacation. Or is it that I'm hallucinating again?

The ring of the telephone shocked me back to reality. On the tube Zbyszko was stabbing his

finger into Floyd's chest, so I knew I wasn't dreaming . . . unless the call was also part of my overactive imagination.

I picked up the phone and it was Managing Editor Bill Apter on the line.

"Quick," hollers Apter, "turn on channel 68 . . . do you see what's going on?"

"You mean you see it too?" I asked, a sigh of relief escaping my lungs. "What's it all about?"

"I don't know," comes the reply, "but I want you to find out immediately."

Oh well, so much for a quiet evening at home. I downed my beer and hustled back into my car. Minutes later, I found myself bound for Jersey and the answer to the question that has been gnawing at my insides: where has Zbyszko been, and why does he turn up now of all times?

I had hoped to catch Zbyszko before he left the television studio, but when I arrived there, I was too late. Though it was a few minutes past 7:00 p.m., maintenance workers were still on the job attempting to repair the damage that had been done in time for the

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Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu Saks

SWEAT POURED DOWN Rick Martel's face and you could almost see his heart pumping through his tank top. The young French-Canadian looked as though he was in the midst of a two-out-of-three falls match with Killer Khan.

It was Rick Martel's day off.

"You know, some people think that the workday of a wrestler is only the 20 minutes he spends in the ring five days a week," Martel said, pausing only long enough to wipe the sweat from his hands.

Only halfway through his two-hour workout in a Midtown Manhattan health spa, Martel looked as if he were about to faint. But they say it's when you're exhausted and you push yourself to go further that you are making yourself a better person.

Martel pushed himself further.

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The 15th lift brought a look of joy to his face that I last saw when he and Tony Garea recaptured the WWF tag team belts from The Moondogs.

Another 45 minutes of this, I thought, would kill him. But when it was all over and he took a 15-minute shower, Rick looked even fresher than before he started.

Martel laughed at my confusion. "Physically, Stu, I'm exhausted. But in here," he explained, pointing to his head, "I feel great. You know what they say about mind over matter.

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Body Slams & Pinfalls

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There is something wrong with a society that has to pressure a brilliant man like Michael Hayes to conform to a path it arbitrarily chooses as the correct one.

ONLY THOSE IN the public arena know what kinds of intense pressure professional athletes endure. Those special athletes who dare to be different, dare to listen to their own souls rather than the fans, the ones who suffer pressure that is awesome. It's a pity, but not a shame, when the pressure proves too much.

Michael Hayes couldn't take the pressure. For several glorious months, he led The Freebirds to the top of tag team wrestling. Their quick rise to fame and the intensity of hatred they suffered from the fans were unique in the annals of

wrestling history. Most of the hysterical venom was aimed at Michael Hayes.

After weathering untold abuse from fans all over the country, Hayes had to get away. He fled to his family home in Florida, looking for sanctuary from the world's hatred. Exhausted, his defense having crumbled from continuous assault, he found there was no sanctuary for the famous. His younger brother imitated him. This was more than Hayes could endure.

Actually, it wasn't Michael the boy was imitating. The youngster was imitating the image professional wres-

ting has of Hayes. They call Michael a rulebreaker and an outlaw. Unable to appreciate the subtle genius of Michael Hayes, the young boy imitated what people claimed his brother to be. Because of the slanders hurled at Michael Hayes, the young brother was becoming an outlaw punk. Fan stupidity was threatening Michael Hayes' brother's life!

So, when Michael saw what his brother was becoming, he surrendered to the power of public opinion. He couldn't summon the inner strength to fight this hardest of all battles. So, for his brother, for the good opinion of the community where he was raised, Michael Hayes betrayed his vision.

When Michael Hayes returned to wrestling, he declared war on his former tag team partner, Terry Gordy, and Gordy's new partner, Jimmy Snuka. To battle this pair, Hayes teamed with popular riff-raff like Ted DiBiase. The majesty that was Hayes became the pathetic
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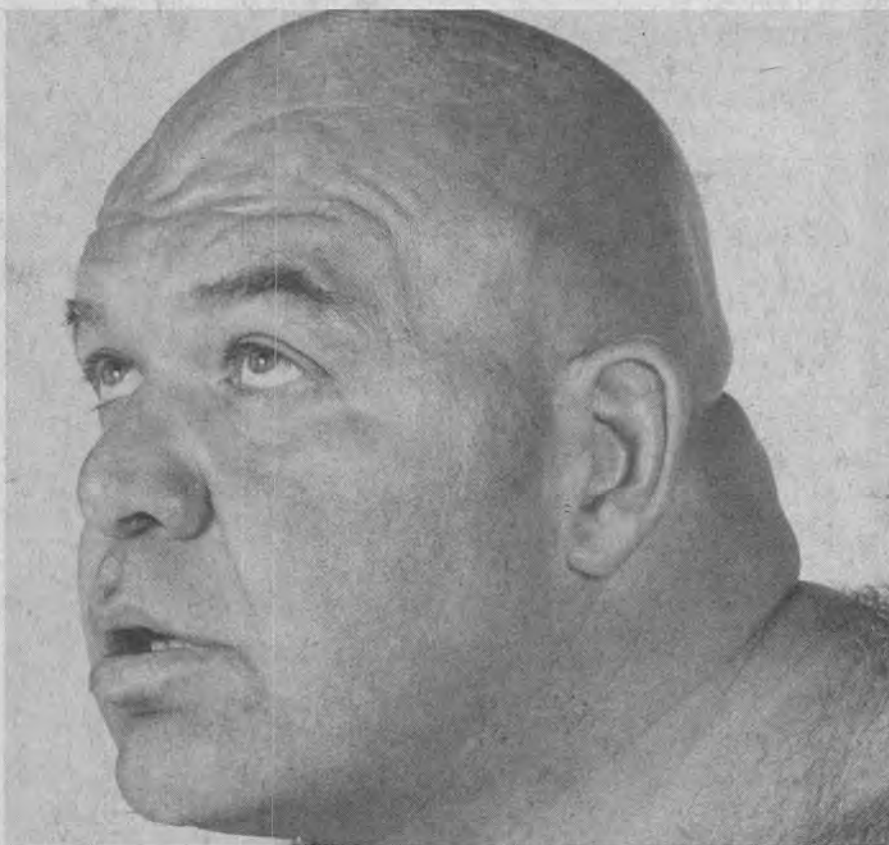
A crazed group of 12 NWA rulebreakers is planning to sabotage the wedding of one of the Association's most popular stars this autumn!

The groom-to-be, who will remain anonymous, will first learn of this news as you are: by reading this magazine!

A reliable NWA rulebreaker source spilled the beans after a beer or six in an Atlanta nightclub. We cannot be sure whether the public revelation of this information will sway the rulebreakers to cancel their evil plans, but we sure hope it does.

"A whole mess of 'em, I mean the meanest, toughest guys in the NWA, had a meeting where they decided to crash the wedding reception and break a few chairs, if you know what I mean," said the source, who would not say whether he was one of the 12 rulebreakers. "None of the guys particularly care for this scientific type who's getting hitched, and they figure they can kill a few birds with one stone because some of this pansy's wrestling friends figure to be in attendance. What a wild scene it's gonna be!"

Who could be the mastermind of such a devious, ill-timed attack? We cannot be sure who the 12 rulebreakers are, but we wouldn't be surprised if such names as Harley Race, Bobby Jaggers,



Is George Steele looking toward the sky at a landing plane? Probably not. The rumor that George Steele tried to act as an air traffic controller during the strike is thankfully false.

Dick Murdoch, Sir Oliver Humperdink, Terry Funk, and Gino Hernandez were intricately involved.

"Crash a wedding," laughed Hernandez, "whadda you think, I'm crazy?"

"Who wants to ruin a sunny day by going to some fairy scientific wrestler's wedding?" asked Funk. "I'd rather go to the zoo and feed the monkeys."

We spoke to six prominent NWA rulebreakers, and all of them denied knowledge of the wedding-day invasion. We can

only hope that publishing this news will allow the bride and groom to hear nothing but sweet wedding bells on their joyous day of bliss.

RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Crazed rulebreaker George Steele, disguised as a normal human being, snuck past the security at a Detroit airport and came perilously close to talking his way into directing air traffic during the recent air controllers' strike.

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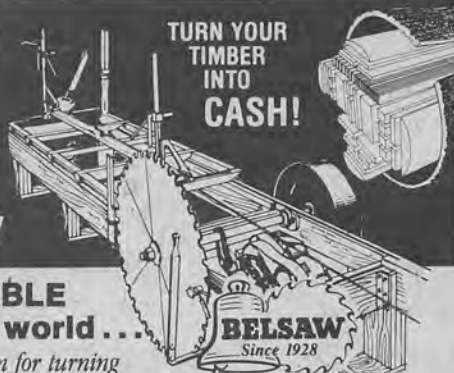
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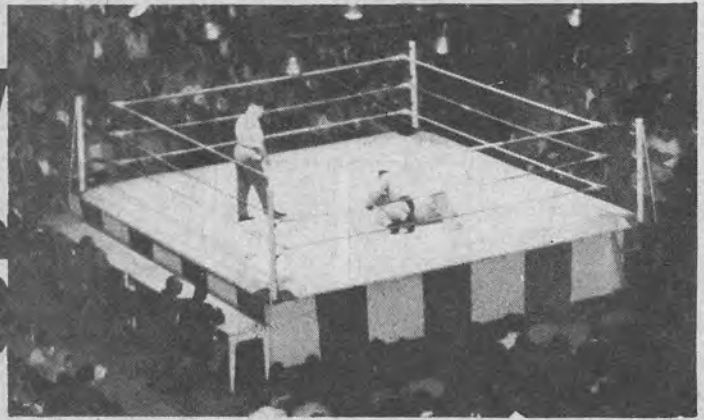
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THE BEST

I would like to praise the Von Erichs for what they have done for their home state of Texas. They have run out of the state ruthless rulebreakers like The Spoiler, The Korean Assassin, Austin Idol, Bulldog Brower, Gary Young, Mr. Sakurada, Prof. Tanaka, Mr. Hito, J.J. Dillon, and Mark Lewin. They have held major titles all over the world. Kerry Von Erich is the current American champion. Kevin and David Von Erich are the current Asian tag team champions.

I would like to encourage them to keep up the good work in making the state safe for scientific wrestlers.

VANCE PAUL
Ringling, OK

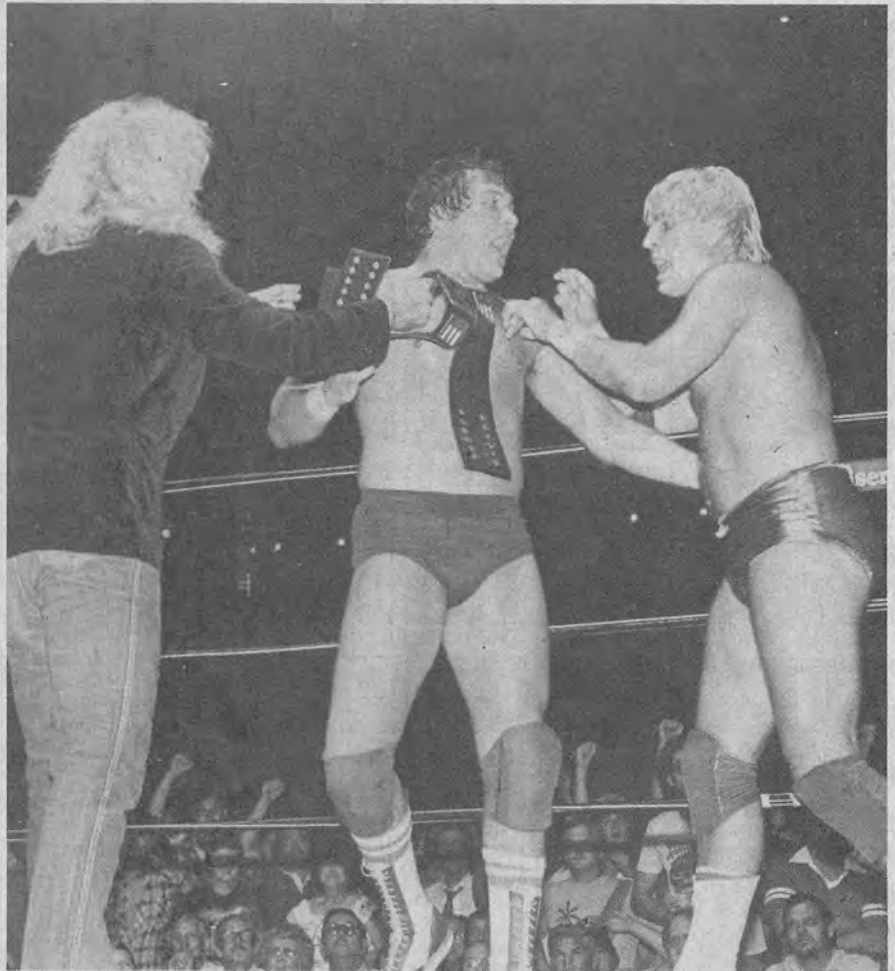
STILL HAZY

The changing tactics of Michael Hayes has me totally confused. I don't know what to think. Hayes is known for being dirty, low-down, and underhanded. Yet, in a recent match, Hayes helped Ted DiBiase and Steve O instead of trying to hurt them. What happened to Hayes? What made him change?

CHAVEZS WHITLOCK
Kearny, AZ

An open letter to Ted DiBiase:

I don't trust Michael Hayes. I know he was supposed to turn good, but I just can't believe it. I don't think you trust him either. If or when you team up with



In an action that was later overruled by the NWA, Michael Hayes awards the Georgia tag team belts to Ted DiBiase and Tommy Rich. Readers Chavez Whitlock and Dawn Havert are unconvinced about the sincerity of Hayes' change.

Hayes, please have someone in your corner like Tommy Rich or Steve O or both! I know you can take care of yourself, but it would be pretty hard for him to try anything with three wrestlers set to jump on you. Please be very, very careful. I don't think Michael can be trusted.

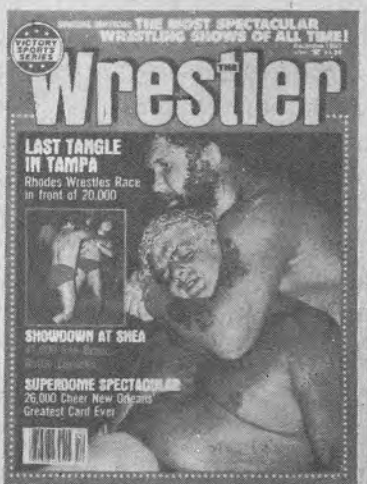
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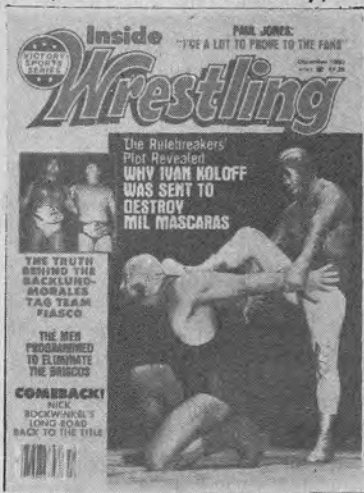
Three cheers for the latest addition to your already fabulous staff of reporters, Craig Peters. What he lacks in experience, he more than makes up for with determination and courage. I think he set everybody in the sport straight with his first "On the Road" column (October/1981) when he vowed, "There's

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NAMES MAKI

After their recent classic brawl in St. Louis, Missouri, DUSTY RHODES, admitted that RIC FLAIR may be one of the *few* men capable of taking the NWA title from him. "Flair surprised me," an exhausted Rhodes told me just minutes after the match. "He's got a great elbowsmash and that



DUSTY RHODES

figure-four leglock. I'll have to be on my guard any time I rattle that dude again."

TED DiBIASE has left Georgia and is wrestling in Louisiana . . . MR. WRESTLING II has returned to action in the



MR. WRESTLING II



SGT. SLAUGHTER

"Peachtree" state . . . SGT. SLAUGHTER, master of the "cobra clutch," is invading the Midwest . . . EL CANEK is teaming with MIL MASCARAS in California.

BUGSY McGRAW has become a very hated man in Memphis, Tennessee. As you recall, Bugsy was a fan favorite in Florida. Why the change? "I dunno!" exclaims Bugsy. "Me is still the same guy. But them fans boo me. I'm thinkin' they're batty!" . . . LARRY ZBYSZKO is negotiating with WWF promoters for a return to



BUGSY McGRAW

the area following his world tour. "Since I forced BRUNO SAM-MARTINO into retirement, I have been in demand worldwide," said Zbyszko, the self-proclaimed *new* Living Legend. "Now I have enough time to thrill the WWF fans for a while. They are so lucky!"

BOBBY JAGGERS and his cousin, BUZZ TYLER, are teaming in Kansas City, Missouri, and plan to go on the road after a major tag team title . . . Veteran PAT O'CONNOR, a former NWA



GENE LEWIS

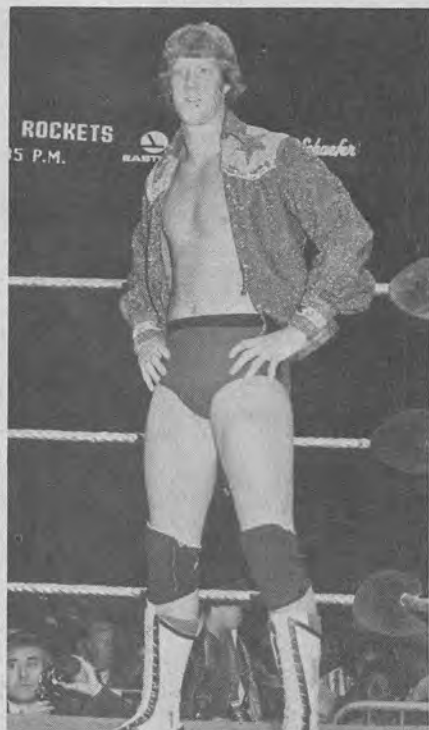
champion, is wrestling regularly in Missouri . . . GENE LEWIS is now being managed by SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK. Sir Oliver says, "Gene is just coming into greatness with me as his manager."

From now on "Handsome" JIMMY VALIANT wants to be known only as "King James I." "Everyone knows I am handsome," says Jimmy. "It's quite evident. But few realize that I am of royal blood. Now I demand to be recognized for it. Kneel you peons!" . . . TONY ATLAS is back in action after a brief hiatus to the world of bodybuilding contests. In his premier match back, Tony grappled AWA champion NICK BOCKWINKEL in Houston, Texas.

N' NEWS

*Bill Apter
reporting...*

RAY CANDY and JUNK-YARD DOG each claim to have the most devastating headbutt in wrestling. So they have signed to wrestle a series of "Headbutt vs. Headbutt" matches in which, appropriately, the winner must render the other helpless with a headbutt . . . MIKE GRAHAM has accepted some bouts in Texas . . . TULLY BLANCHARD is



DAVID VON ERICH

giving Florida wrestlers a taste of his action.

In one of the most despicable moments in wrestling history, former NWA champion HARLEY RACE brainbusted DAVID VON ERICH on the concrete floor of the St. Louis TV studio, causing severe injuries to David's neck and back. KERRY VON ERICH, there at the scene, vows to make Race pay for David's suffering.

MR. FUJI and MR. SAITO, the new team managed by CAPTAIN



BOB BACKLUND

LOU ALBANO, are after the WWF tag team belts held by TONY GAREA and RICK MARTEL . . . WWF Champion BOB BACKLUND admits that he fears MAGNIFICENT MURACO and GREG VALENTINE more than any of his other opponents. "They are fine wrestlers who both



JOHN STUDD

possess the killer instinct," Bob said.

BIG JOHN STUDD is a threat to Knoxville, Tennessee, area wrestlers. One in particular—BLACKJACK MULLIGAN JR. "The ol' man is a sissy and so is Jr.!" Studd says. "I'll end the Mulligan family's grip on the Knoxville area once and for all!"

Since HULK HOGAN is in the AWA, fans want to know if he'll challenge champion NICK BOCKWINKEL. The Hulk



NICK BOCKWINKEL

refuses to answer this at the present time, saying "the press has been too nosy recently. I will inform you of my doings when I feel like it."

No matter how hard he tries, it seems that JIM KENT cannot get TONY GILBERT run out of Florida. "Next try is in a pine box!" threatens Kent . . . SUPERSTAR GRAHAM was close to signing a contract to wrestle in Los Angeles, but mysteriously pulled out . . . THE SHEIK, with manager ABDULLAH FAROUK, have invaded Florida.

That's all for now. See you at the matches! □

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

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DECEMBER 1951 Boxing—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month
Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston \$25

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts
Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story
Wrestling—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record
Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of the Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

AUGUST 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeney Teran and Gil Cadillac, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings
Wrestling—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of the Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

OCTOBER 1952 Boxing—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello
Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of the Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

MAY 1953 Boxing—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The

Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

Wrestling—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of the Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$30

DECEMBER 1954 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of the Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz
Wrestling—Bob Orton, Matches of the Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choyinski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin
Wrestling—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of the Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

MARCH 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Cirieli, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tommy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

Wrestling—Gorgeous George, Matches of the Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs. \$25

APRIL 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choyinski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, "Boardwalk" Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

MAY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Bimstein's Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoes Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings, Barney Ross

Wrestling—Primo Camera, Roy McClarity, Matches of the Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

JUNE 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Eduardo Lause, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of the Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

JULY 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of the Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nick's, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Tiger Joe Marsh, Matches of the Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build

Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

AUGUST 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

Wrestling—Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of the Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of the Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

OCTOBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Hans Herman, Matches of the Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of the Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

Wrestling—Riki Dozan, Matches of the Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

JANUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Petey Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of the Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Ralph Dupas, Young Otto, Willie Pep, Billy Conn, Nonpareil Dempsey vs. George LaBlanche, Joe Miceli, Boxing Lesson, I.B.C., Freddie Steele, Ratings, Quiz

Wrestling—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of the Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of the Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. J. Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of the Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

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Terry Gordy & Jimmy Snuka

THE IMPOSSIBLE COINCIDENCE THAT CREATED WRESTLING'S MEANEST TAG TEAM

TERRY GORDY WAS on the road in Georgia, on his way from Greensboro to Atlanta. It's not a particularly long drive, about two hours, but Gordy was very tired. He had driven to Greensboro from Raleigh, North Carolina, in the morning, and had gone all day without a meal.

Dinner was on Gordy's mind. The town of Covington was just

a few miles off, so that would do. Should be just a few minutes before there's a restaurant or a diner.

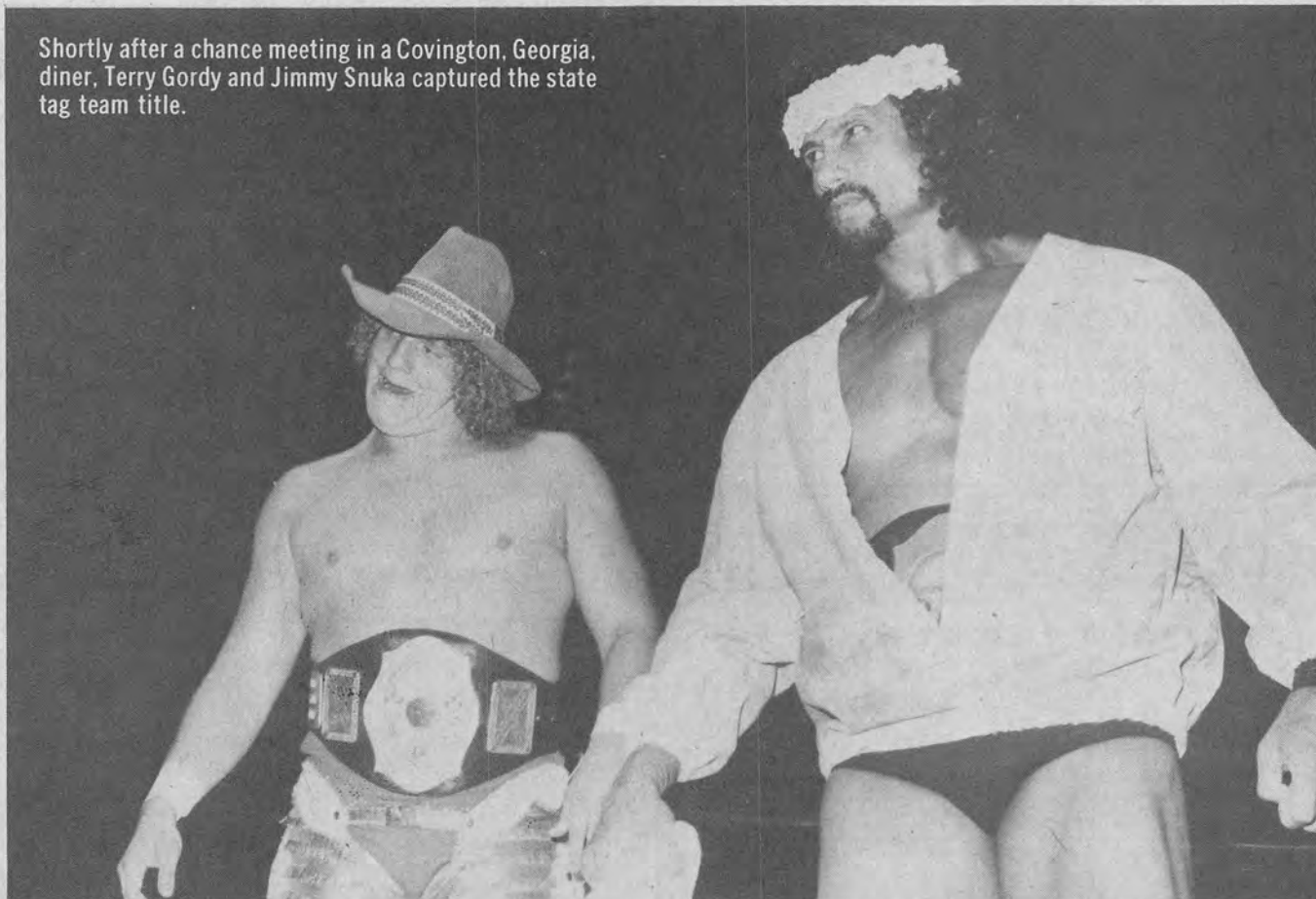
Wrestling was on Gordy's mind, too. The long drive had offered him time to think things out, to review the events of recent months.

His unhappiness with the way The Freebirds had been wrestling came back to him, as

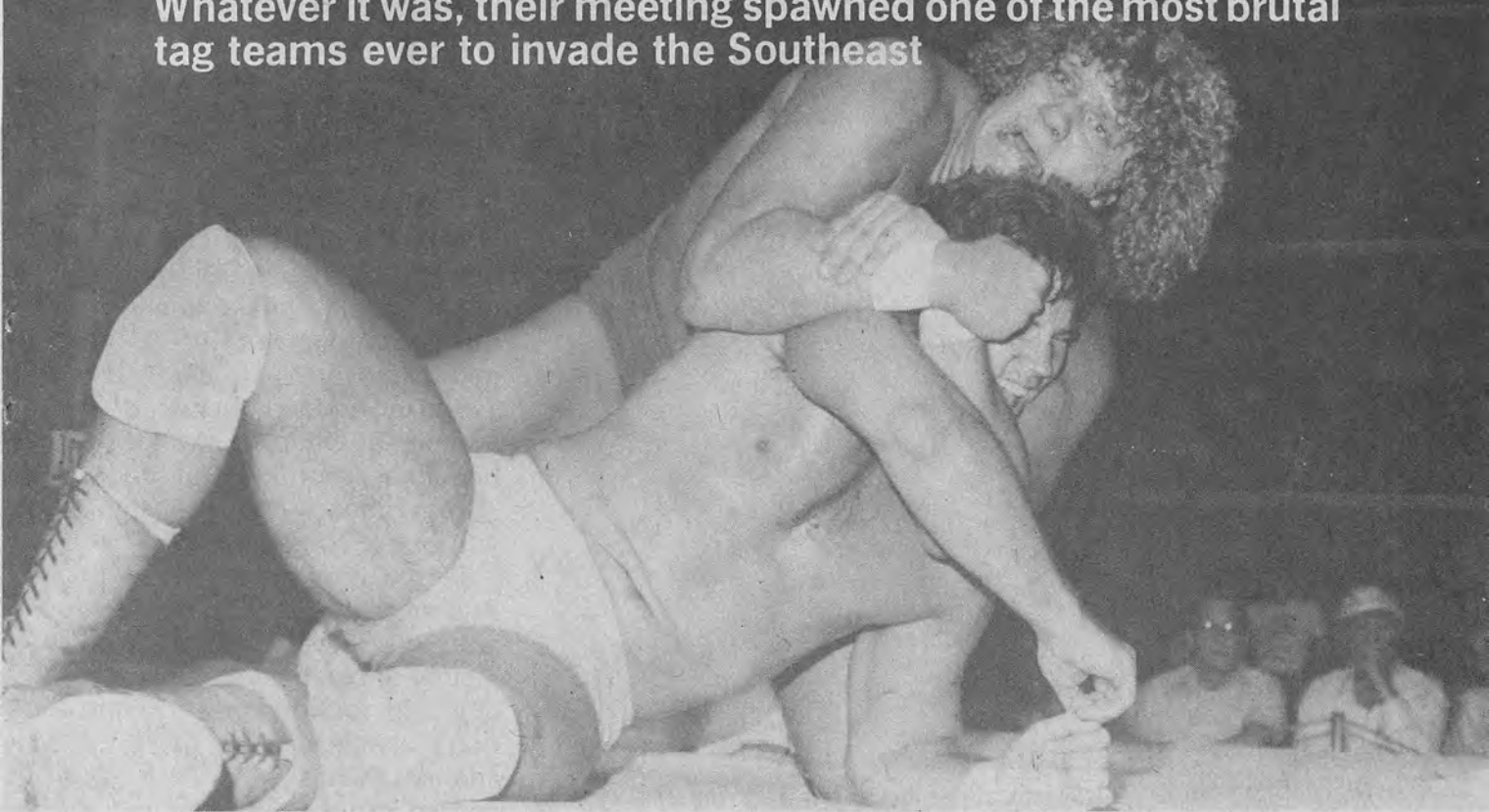
well as his repeated "absences" from the corporation. He smiled at the memory of seeing Michael Hayes make excuses for him on television, saying that he had only gone fishing, or that he was off training by himself.

Then Buddy Roberts went off to Texas, and it was just Gordy and Hayes. Gordy winced at the thoughts he had about his

Shortly after a chance meeting in a Covington, Georgia, diner, Terry Gordy and Jimmy Snuka captured the state tag team title.



Was it random chance or predetermined fate which brought Terry Gordy and Jimmy Snuka together at a time when both men were looking for direction in their wrestling careers? Whatever it was, their meeting spawned one of the most brutal tag teams ever to invade the Southeast



Gordy traps Steve O in a rear chinlock (above) and flings a stunned Tommy Rich across the ring (below).

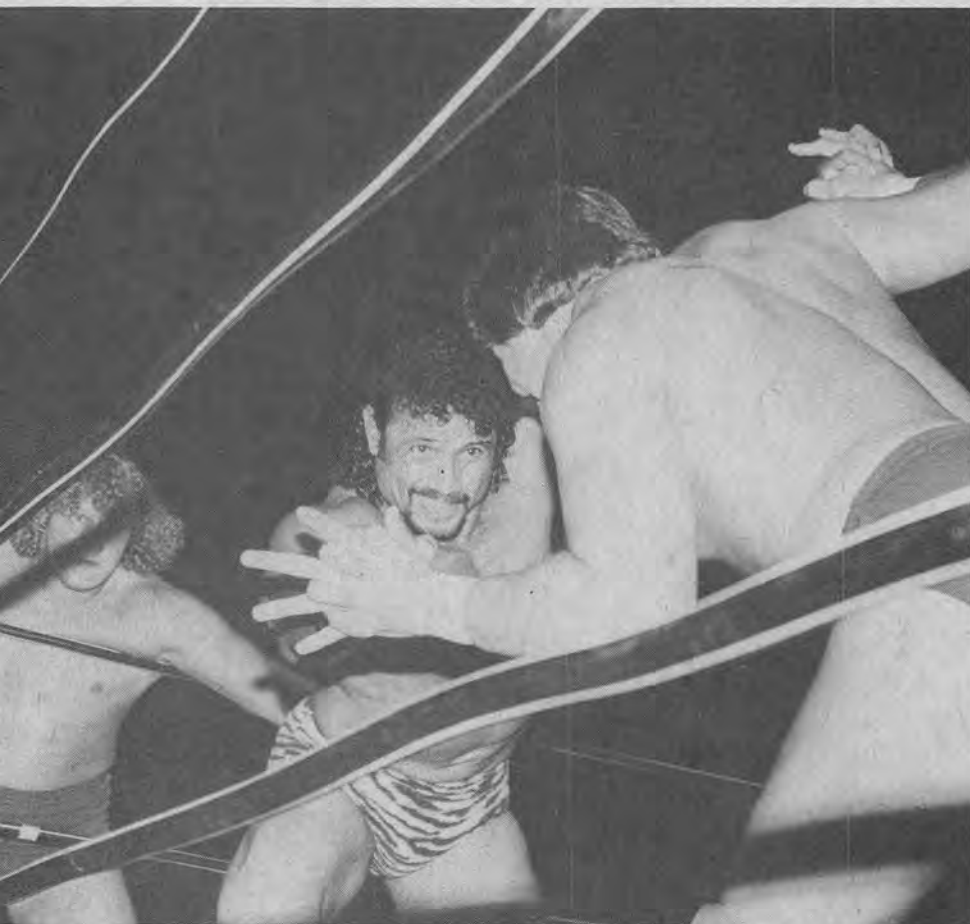


appearances with Hayes, how Hayes used to smack him around on television and order him to do this or that. Forget it, ace, how long can a man put up with that kind of abuse?

Gordy didn't really know for sure what he wanted to do as a result of all these occurrences, but he was certain that he wanted to remain in wrestling. The only question plaguing him now was in what capacity he would be wrestling.

As he steered his car into the parking lot of a diner on the main street of Covington, Gordy pushed all his memories of his experiences with The Freebirds to the back of his mind and concentrated on what he was going to have for dinner.

As he waited for the waitress to take his order, he tried to concentrate on the business he was to conduct the next day in Atlanta. He tried, but the noise from the other end of the room



Snuka, wearing his usual sadistic look of glee, bulls Steve O into the ropes where he unleashes a brutal attack (below). Snuka and Ted DiBiase engage in a battle of fingerlocks, as Gordy looks on (above).



was too disturbing.

Angered, Gordy walked over to the man sitting at the table with the intention of making him quiet down. As the man slobbered and gulped his dinner making more noise than seemed humanly possible, Gordy stopped dead in his

tracks and broke into a wide grin. The obnoxious diner at that table was none other than Jimmy Snuka.

Gordy joined Snuka and told him about how dissatisfied he had been with The Freebirds, and how he is sort of floating freely now looking for a direction to work towards.

Snuka, between bites, seemed to sympathize with what Gordy was saying, adding that he, too, was looking for some sort of new direction since leaving the Mid-Atlantic area.

"Listen to me, Jimmy," said Gordy, his voice lowering to a whisper, "I think it was more than an incredible coincidence that brought us together tonight. We've got a chance to help each other and, in the process, take care of some of these lame ducks that call themselves

wrestlers."

Snuka was continuing to shovel his dinner into his mouth, though at the time offering Gordy his undivided attention.

"I think we could make a devastating tag team combination," Gordy continued. "We could show these clowns like DiBiase and Rich what tag team wrestling is all about. Neither one of us has been getting much of a fair shake lately, so this is our chance to break out and take over."

Snuka nodded his head in agreement while he swallowed his final mouthful of food. "Great idea, Terry, I think you've got something there."

Terry Gordy never made it to Atlanta that night, but not long after his fateful meeting with Jimmy Snuka he did get to that city and found himself in the ring as half a tag team going up against DiBiase and Rich. Of course, Snuka was the other half of that team.

Soon after that match, Gordy and Snuka faced Ricky Gibson and Mr. Wrestling II in Columbus, Georgia. Most observers agreed: the former Freebird and the Superfly made an excellent ring combination and provided formidable opposition to any tag team around.

"It's great," said Terry Gordy following his first matches with Snuka, "we're wrestling well, we've both got something to work towards, and we're just plain mean out there. I haven't felt this good about myself and this sport in months."

Tag teams in the Southeast continue to have trouble with Gordy and Snuka. If anything, the brutal combination seems to be getting meaner and stronger. For now, the Georgia tag team belts rest about their waists, and it looks as if they are there to stay for a while. □

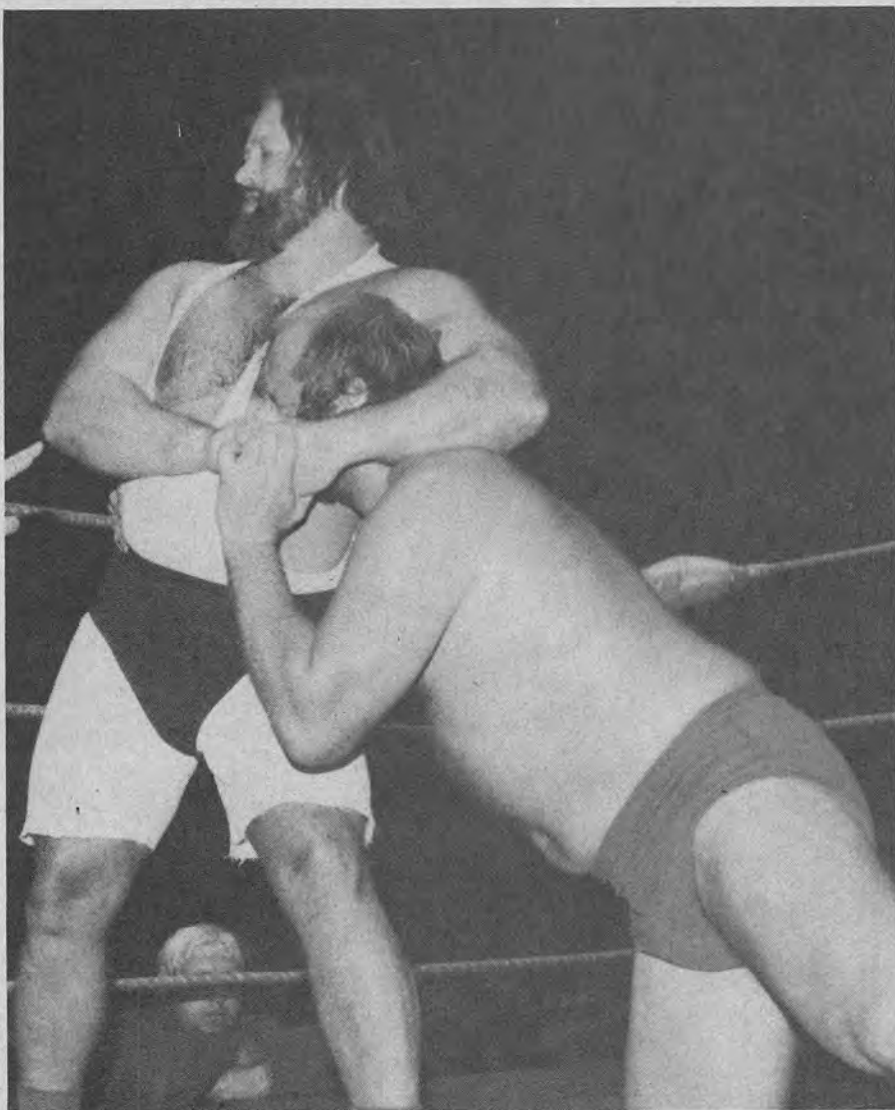
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MIGHTY IGOR

HHE'S A WARRIOR and a child ("I like toys as much as I like wrestling")... Fans all over the world adore him ("Fans are my friends, so I please my friends")... Many top rulebreakers are defeated by him because they underestimate him ("They no laugh when I wrestle them")... He's very proud of his Polish heritage ("A man is much of where he comes from")... It's a big mistake to think his broken English is a sign of stupidity ("People understand what I try saying")... His wrestling style is based more on instinct than planned strategies ("Every opponent different so every match I different")... He seems to be more interested in various kinds of matches than in winning the title ("A belt no make a man better than another man")... Next to wrestling, he loves travel most ("I see the world and it loves me as much as I love it!")... His favorite fans are

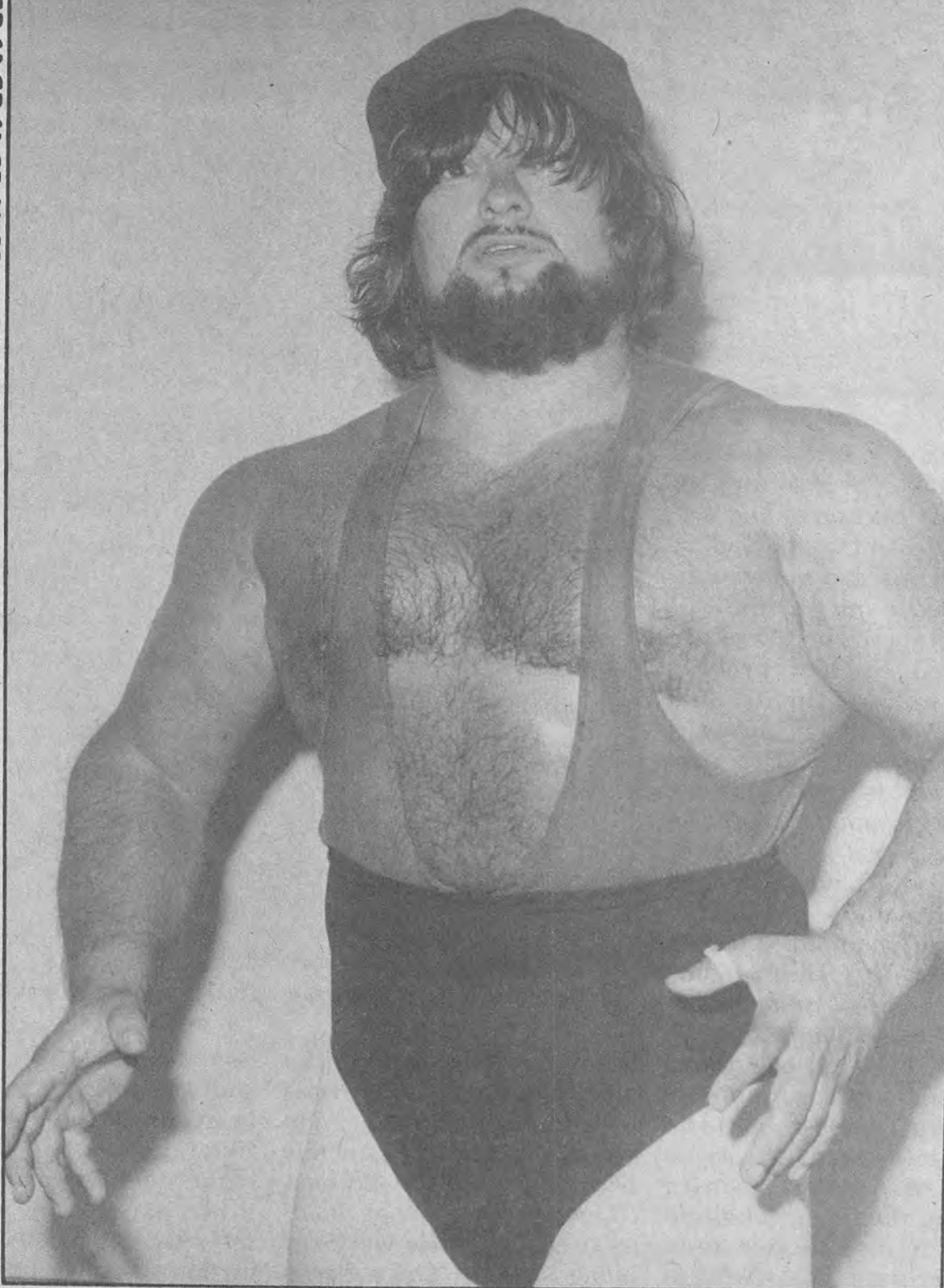


There is probably no wrestler that enjoys his work more than the Mighty Igor. And the fans enjoy watching him.

little children ("When little children smile, that most beautiful thing of all")... No one trains harder than this perfectly proportioned man ("I love gym almost as much as arena")... He works at being strong ("Once I was skinny weakling but no more")... This man may be the mellowest person in wrestling ("I make money

doing what I like, so why should I worry?")... Though born in Poland, he loves America ("U.S.A. is best place anyone can want!")... When angered, he's one of the most dangerous battlers in the sport ("When someone bad, I must punish")... He looks forward to the future with great anticipation ("My best match is my next"). □

CAPSULE PROFILE PINUP



MIGHTY IGOR

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!

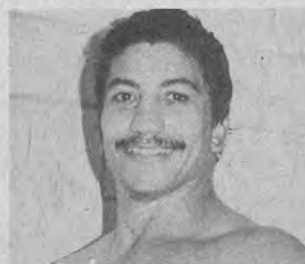


TED DiBIASE

After conquering the best of Georgia wrestling, Ted traveled west to Louisiana. There, he battled against top mat rulebreakers like Ernie Ladd and The Samoans. Though Ted loves Louisiana, especially New Orleans and Baton Rouge, he's decided to soon return to Atlanta.

ROBERTO SOTO

One man who has headed north is Roberto Soto. After trying his luck in the NWA, Roberto decided to war against the best offered by the WWF. The area's brutal brawlers are just the type of opponents Roberto likes best. Roberto isn't sure how long he'll stay up north, but hopes to stay for several months at least.



TOMMY GILBERT

This young star has jumped from Tennessee right into the Florida fire. He's feuding with Jim Kent, manager of the notorious Outlaws and Bounty Hunters tag team. As if that wasn't enough, he's also locked in a feud with the Funks. Tommy has found travel not only broadening but downright dangerous.



MASKED SUPERSTAR

People in Georgia are stunned to see this grappler running reckless through the area as a rulebreaker. The wrestler's reign of terror has the entire NWA in upheaval. Already, scientific grapplers are banding together to find ways to run him out of Georgia.



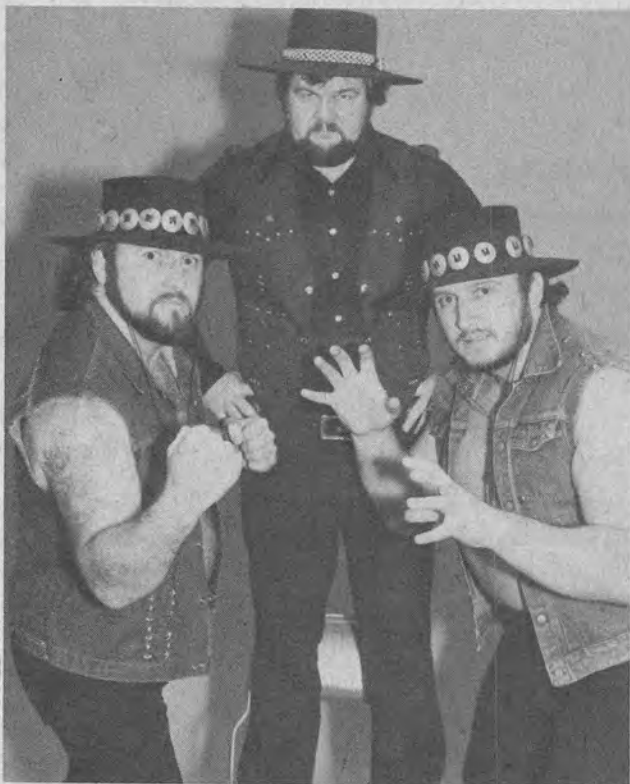


Matt Brock's **PLAIN SPEAKING**

TAMPA, FL: I usually don't waste my time and typewriter ink with bounty hunters. They're a contemptible breed, worthy only of scornful disapproval if you even bother to think about them at all. So why do I bother wasting my words here? Because the man they call "Gentleman" Jim Kent has risen to a new low by placing a price of \$1,000 on the head of Tommy Gilbert. Well, not the head really, but the arm. You too can be a grand richer by breaking Gilbert's arm, though if you just pin him, it wouldn't get you enough to buy a two cents plain. That's what disgusts me so much: not the fact that Kent places a price on Gilbert (that's bad enough, but at least I can ignore that kind of stupidity), but that the bounty necessitates crippling this guy.

Sure, accidents happen and maybe somebody suffers a broken bone once in a while. But that shouldn't be the main idea of wrestling. Jim Kent is no gentleman, and I hope nobody else has the bad taste to take him up on his offer. The next thing you know he'll be sending thugs with violin cases up to Gilbert's training room.

ST. LOUIS, MO: So now Ken Patera doesn't like Jack Brisco. The word around here has it that Brisco gained a unfair advantage in a six-man



JIM KENT & THE BOUNTY HUNTERS

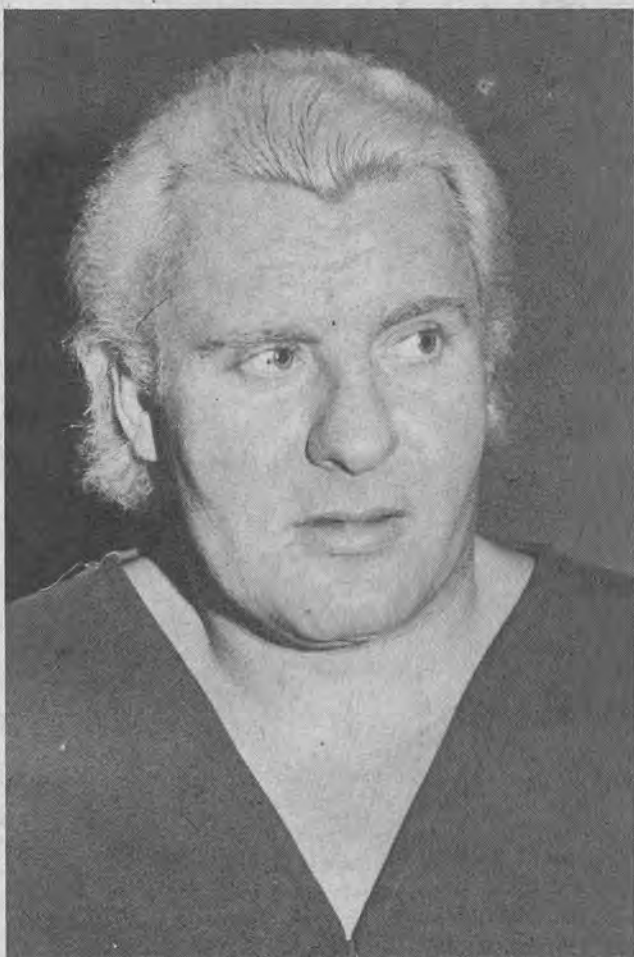


KEN PATERA

tag elimination match when Patera was disqualified by the referee for throwing Brisco over the top rope. Patera says he didn't throw him, though, that Brisco jumped over intentionally. If Patera's right, that's a pretty sleazy thing for a former NWA champion to do. But then again, who's gonna believe somebody whose favorite pastime is sidelining fine athletes with the brutal swinging neckbreaker of his? I'm sure Patera and Brisco will settle their argument like children.

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: A new manager for Hulk Hogan in the person of "Lucious" Johnny Valiant, obviously a man not noted for his overwhelming modesty. Anyway, Valiant himself is quite a grappler, but he's never tried to



"LUCIOUS" JOHNNY VALIANT

be a manager. One rumor making the rounds is that Hogan and Valiant are headed for a tag team partnership sometime in the not too distant future, and that the only reason Valiant took on Hogan is so he can mold him into a wrestler with the same style as his own. I suppose we'll just have to sit back and wait along with everyone else whether this happens to be true or not. In the meantime, I suppose Lucious Johnny will be learning the hard way what it really takes to properly manage a wrestler.

ALLENTOWN, PA: More new personnel, this time under the direction of the mad genius himself, our old insane friend Lou Albano. Seems that crazy Lou is working on bringing the WWF tag team belts to the waists of Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito, those two Oriental powerhouses. Says the Captain, "Matt, my man, you just gotta check out these two guys, I'm telling you, it's like nothing you've ever seen before in all your years, it's like these two are the only professional tag teamers around and everybody else is amateurs. We've got the belts for sure, oldtimer, it's just a matter of time, now." It's too bad Lou can't build up enthusiasm anymore like he used to.



ANDRE VS. KHAN

NEW YORK, NY: I just gotta give a tip of the ol' Brock fedora to Bob Backlund, Tony Garea, and Rick Martel, and everyone else who helped out at the Garden recently. As reported elsewhere in this magazine, they helped keep Andre the Giant under control when he slipped his clutch against Killer Khan. Now if anybody deserves the deep six treatment, it's gotta be Khan, but it can't be the way Andre wanted to do it at the time. He just got too swept up by the intensity of the situation. I hope Andre will be able to cool down a bit and put things into better perspective now that he's had a chance to look back on that match. If Andre does eventually humiliate Khan in a more sporting fashion, I'll be the first to toast his victory. □

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GREENVILLE, SC

By Brenda Medford



RIC FLAIR

vs.

GENE ANDERSON



Ric came in the ring with the baseball bat he's been carrying around, but he agreed to give it to the announcer. Gene sneak-attacked Flair from behind. Ric got Gene along the ropes and started choking him. Gene hit him with an elbowsmash, but Ric knocked Gene down with some shots of his own and started strutting around the ring. Ole Anderson came in to help Gene, knocked Flair down, and started pounding on him. Flair emerged victorious due to outside interference.

OTHER BOUTS: Scott McGhee over Jim Nelson . . . Paul Jones by disqualification over Iron Sheik . . .

GREENSBORO, NC

By Steve Shore



WAHOO McDANIEL

vs.

RODDY PIPER



At the start of this non-title Leather Strap Match, Wahoo took control. Soon Piper escaped to safety outside the ring. The battle continued outside the squared circle. Finally forcing Piper back into the ring, Wahoo managed to drag Piper to all four corners of the ring for the victory.

OTHER BOUTS: Gene and Ole Anderson cheated by Ric Flair and Jay Youngblood . . . The Russians edged past Steve Muslin and Ron Richie.

COLUMBUS, GA

By Jody Colley



TED DiBIASE

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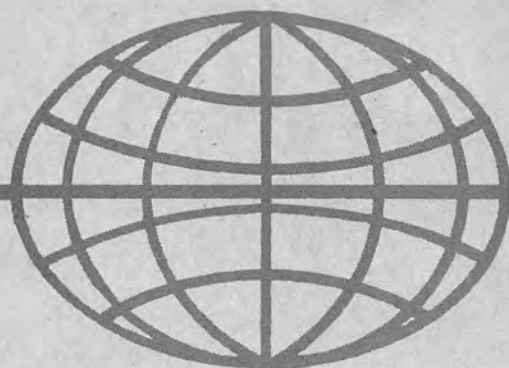
KEN PATERA



Fans witnessed a brutal match when DiBiase challenged Patera for the Georgia heavyweight championship. Patera threw DiBiase out of the ring and wouldn't let him re-enter. DiBiase wouldn't quit. He finally jumped Patera, knocking down the referee, then power-slammed him. When DiBiase went to help the ref, Patera sneak-attacked him, ran his head into the ringpost, and walked out of the ring wearing his Georgia belt.

OTHER BOUTS: Jimmy Snuka and Terry Gordy defeated Steve O and Mr. Wrestling II . . . George Wells stopped Bryan St. John . . . Bruno Sammartino Jr. toppled the French Angel.

WRESTLING CAPITALS



COLUMBUS, OH

By Steve Hendrix



DUSTY RHODES
vs.
OLE ANDERSON



Dusty Rhodes was out for revenge when he placed his NWA championship on the line against Ole Anderson. This didn't resemble a wrestling match at all. It was a gutter brawl from start to finish. Both men were bloodied badly, but despite interference from Gene Anderson, Rhodes won a brutal and great victory to retain his belt.

OTHER BOUTS: Ken Patera and Tommy Rich were both disqualified . . . Iron Mike Sharpe stopped Gene Anderson.

OAKLAND, CA

By Jeff Benson



BARON VON RASCHKE
vs.
JOHN STUDD



The Baron didn't give Studd a chance to take his robe off as he attacked before the opening bell. It was obvious Von Raschke wanted to hurt Studd, but Studd soon mounted a vicious attack of his own. Studd's advantage was cut down when the Baron applied his famous brain claw. Just when Studd was on the verge of submission he got to the ropes. The Baron got even more vicious, though, and eventually emerged victorious.

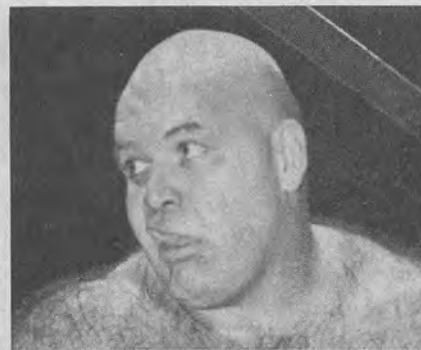
OTHER BOUTS: Greg Gagne and Buck Zumhoffe over Nick Bockwinkel and Bobby Heenan.

BOSTON, MA

By Kerri Campagna



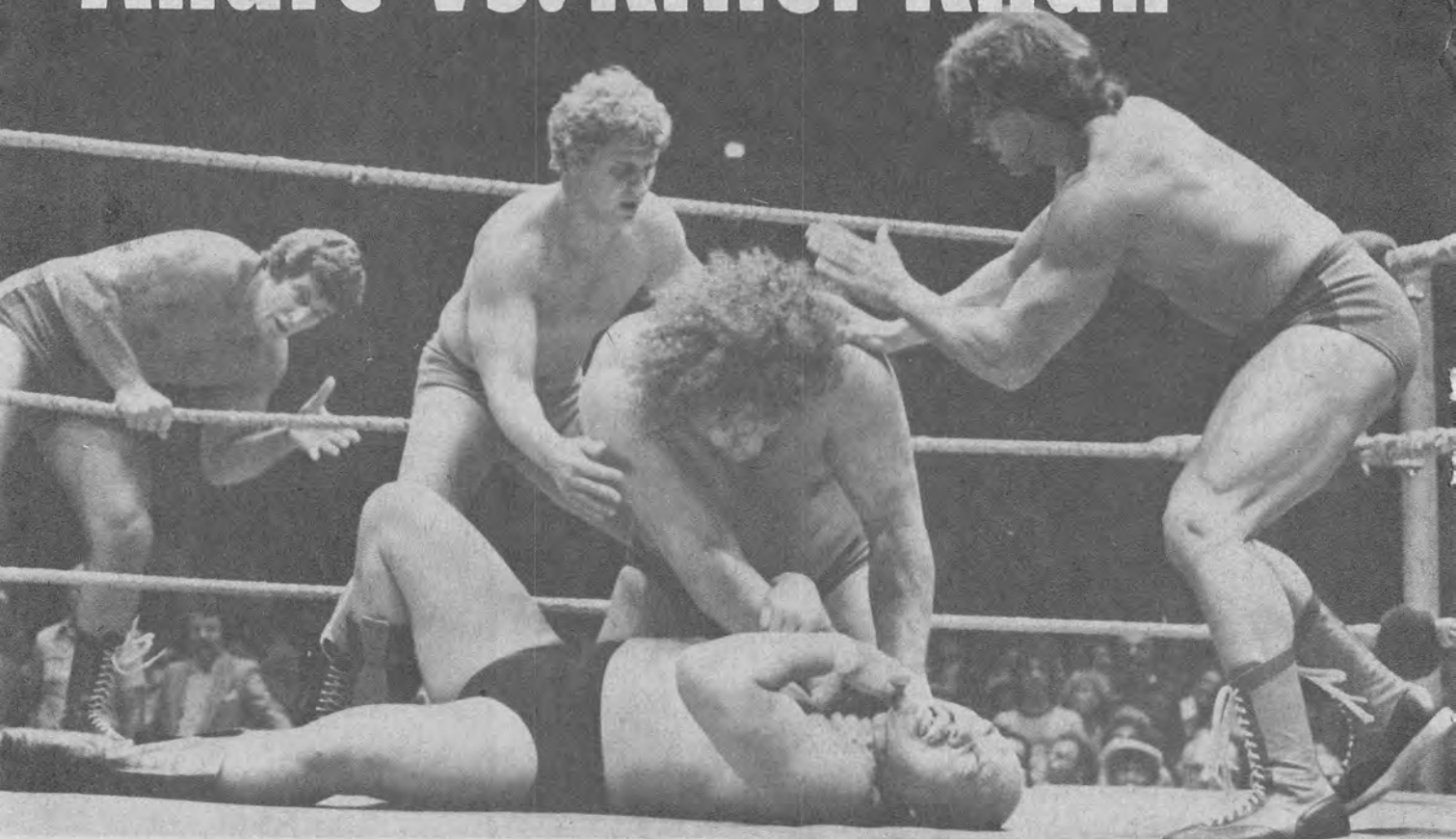
BOB BACKLUND
vs.
GEORGE STEELE



Steele attacked Backlund before he even got into the ring and could get his coat off. Steele was vicious, eating turnbuckles and using everything in sight as weapons: chairs, tables, and stairs. Backlund showed little fear and gave it all he had to defend his title. Another proud victory for Bob Backlund.

OTHER BOUTS: Rick Martel over Sgt. Slaughter . . . Tony Garea fell to Killer Khan . . . King Kong Mosca scored a victory when Pedro Morales got counted out of the ring.

Andre vs. Killer Khan



REVENGE! THE NIGHT

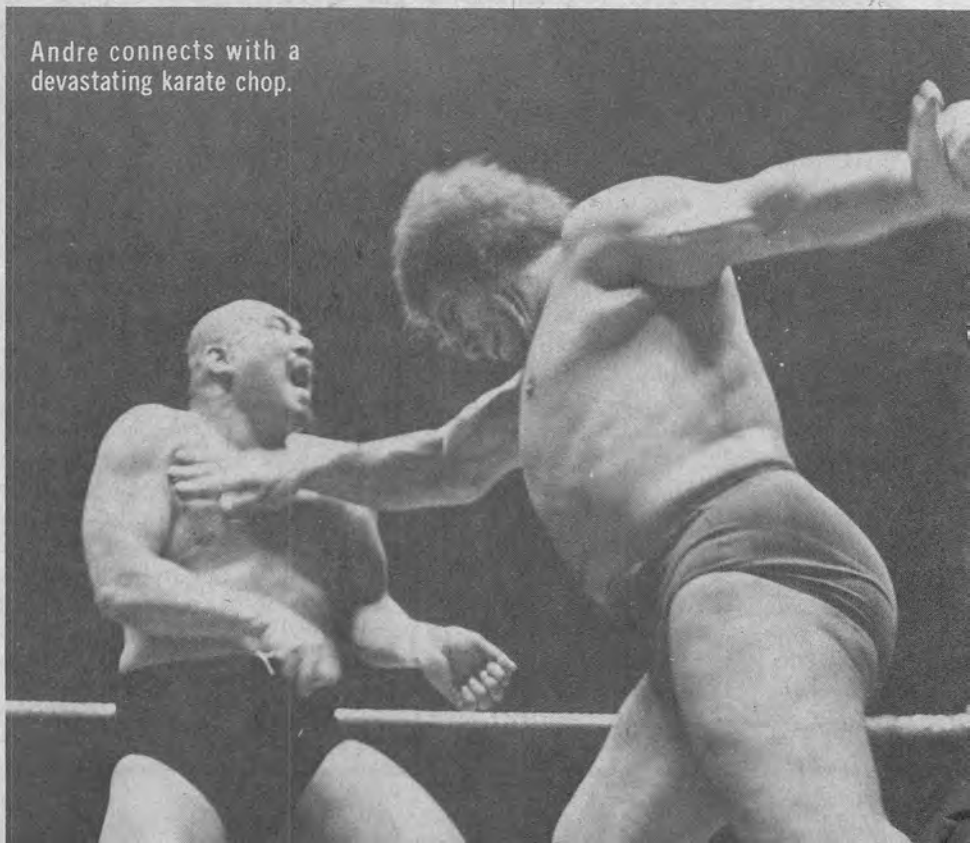
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN was sold out, and there were two reasons why: Andre the Giant and Killer Khan.

Everyone on hand in the Garden that evening was only too aware of the implications of the match that was to take place. They were also well aware of the primary thought on Andre the Giant's mind: revenge, sweet and simple.

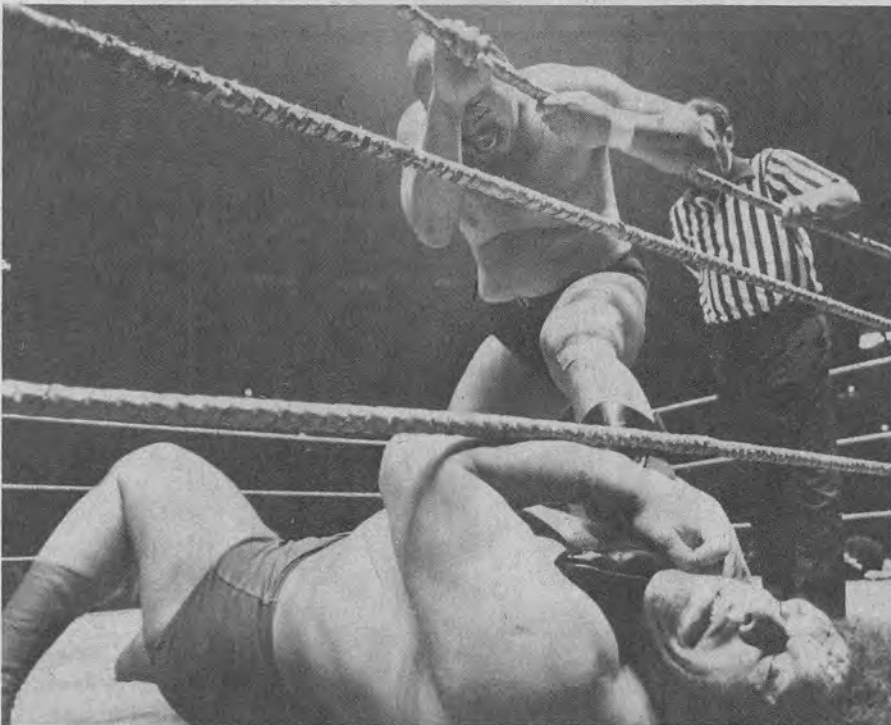
Revenge for causing Andre to endure long months of inactivity. Revenge for what some observers thought amounted to humiliation at the hands of Killer Khan. Revenge for breaking Andre's leg.

During his convalescence, many other wrestlers came to the defense of Andre, most

Andre connects with a devastating karate chop.



No one could begin to imagine how thirsty Andre the Giant was for the blood of Killer Khan. The Giant sought revenge, and he was ready to go as far as he had to in order to achieve his goal. So far, in fact, as to come within seconds of actually committing murder



notably Dusty Rhodes. For his own peace of mind and satisfaction, though, Andre wanted to administer to Khan his own brand of punishment.

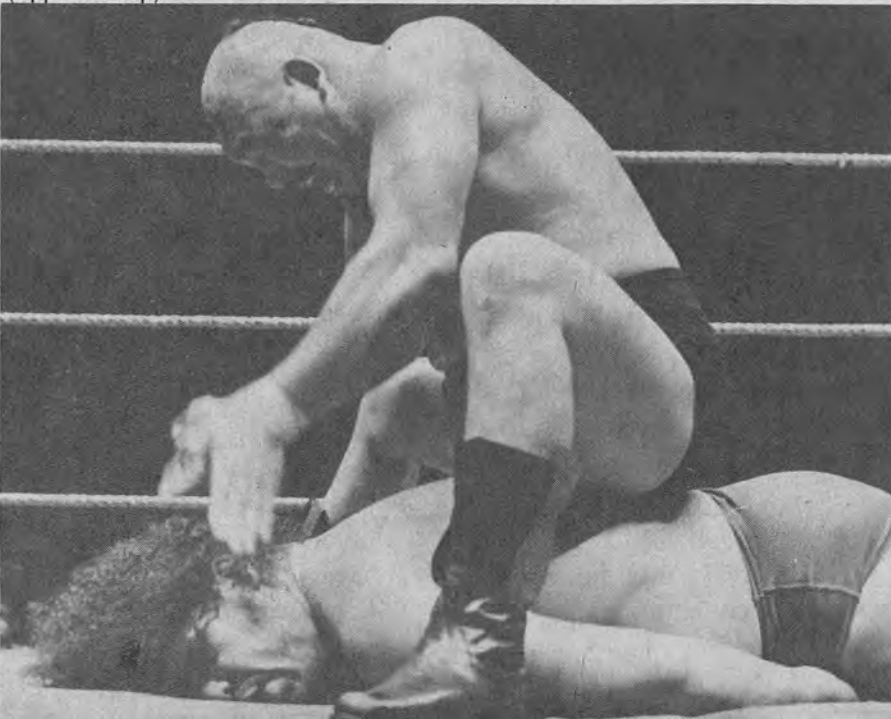
As Garden personnel prepared for the main event, the crowd of well over 20,000 was buzzing. Emotions were high, and everyone was ready for a rematch that, even before it was actually held, had already made wrestling history.

"An eye for an eye and a leg for a leg," one fan was noted as saying, and for the most part, this was the prevailing sympathy of the crowd. There weren't many supporters of Khan among the thousands of fans that night. Even if there were, the Garden

THE GIANT AWOKES

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STU SAKS

Andre appears to be a defeated man as Khan unleashes a devilish attack (above and below). But when Andre finally recouped his strength, he very nearly broke the fifth commandment. Tony Garea, Curt Hennig, and Rick Martel save Andre from himself (opposite top).



was not the place to display that support openly.

A deafening roar of boos shook the arena to its very foundation. Killer Khan was making his way to the ring. Sneering to the crowd that despised him, Khan seemed cool, collected, and ready for battle.

Just then, an ear-splitting cheer cut through the air as Andre strode towards his corner of the ring. His face was a curiously contrasting blend of elation at being back in action again and hatred at Khan, the man he would face once more. Nevertheless, the fans were clearly happy to see Andre return to the Garden and their

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HOTSEAT

MAGNIFICENT MURACO: “ONCE BACKLUND’S GONE, THE WWF IS MINE!”

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED
BY BILL APTER

HE WON THE Intercontinental championship belt from Pedro Morales in a match that caused an enormous amount of controversy. At best, his victory has been termed “questionable” by fans and professionals alike. He has spent a lot of time in Florida where he has held virtually all of the major titles available in that state. Originally from Hawaii, he now wrestles in the WWF and says he is determined to dethrone Bob Backlund. His name is Don “Magnificent” Muraco.

Q: Don, let me first ask you about your championship match with Pedro Morales.

A: Go ahead, ask me anything. I’ve heard more criticism about that match than any-

thing, so nothing you’re gonna ask will be new to me.

Q: All right, let’s start with accusations about how Don Muraco illegally took the

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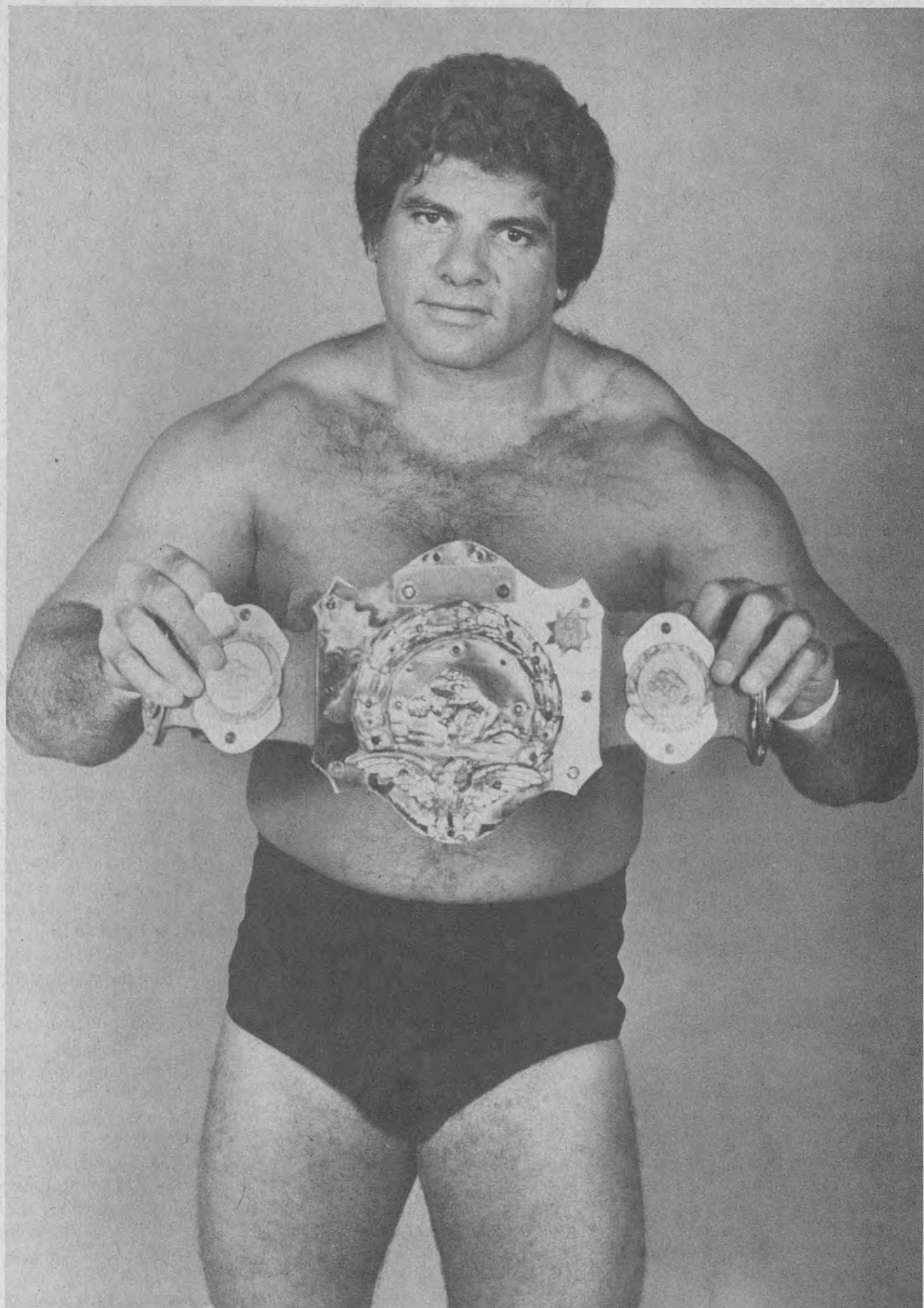
title from Morales.

A: Let me make two things clear. First of all, it’s *Magnificent* Muraco. Second, I don’t care what people think about how

I took the title. When they see me in the street, they say “There goes Magnificent Muraco, the Intercontinental champion,” they don’t say “Hey, there goes Muraco, I wonder how he got the title?” When you get right down to it, it’s not HOW did you win the title, but DID you win the title at all that matters. I won the Intercontinental title from Morales, and that’s all there is to it.

Q: Okay, Don, let me ask you about . . .

A: Hold on, there, weasel. I thought I told you already, it’s *Magnificent* Muraco, not Don Muraco. Take a look at my birth certificate. It says “Magnificent” on it. Even then, even when I was just a





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baby, everybody saw the superb greatness that I was going to achieve, that I have achieved. So when people don’t even have the common decency to call me by my proper name, to call me Magnificent, it really makes me mad. I mean, I just want to go around punching things.

Q: Please, Magnificent, forgive me, sir.

A: Aw, relax, Apter, you’re beginning to sound like maybe you’re Jerry Lewis or somebody. You’ve got to maintain your composure, you’ve got to be self-confident, like me. That’s why I’m going to rule the WWF before long.

Q: You’re talking about Wiz and the five-year plan?

A: Exactly. The Grand Wizard is a genius, and he’s designed a five-year plan that will per-

manently eliminate Bob Backlund from the WWF, and maybe even from all of wrestling. Once Backlund’s gone, the WWF is mine.

Q: Do you care to elaborate on the plan at all?

A: Hey, does Macy’s tell Gimbels? All I’ll say now is that the Wiz and I are very close to bringing this plan to completion. The combination of the Wizard’s managing skills, his genius and strategic techniques, are the driving force behind the plan. Combine the Wizard’s genius with my vast skills in wrestling, my unmatched strength and stamina, and my uncanny abilities in the ring, and it spells nothing but defeat for Bob Backlund.

Q: Look, I don’t want to be too critical, but I’ve done some



Secretly under contract to the Grand Wizard, Muraco wrestled under the guidance of Sir Oliver Humperdink (background) while in Florida. The Magnificent One punishes Blackjack Mulligan Jr.

wrestling in high school, and it seems to me that the kind of wrestling that you’re doing now is not, how shall we say, 100 percent kosher?

A: Look Apter, I’m sure the only thing you ever wrestled was a brunette in the back seat of your old man’s Oldsmobile, and I won’t even bet on who might have won that match. As for my own peerless wrestling exploits, I think I already explained it to you when I said that it doesn’t matter how you win the title, it matters that you win it at all. I’m ready to win the WWF title, I’m going to win the WWF title, and I’ve got a lot of people behind me: my fans, my friends, and especially the Wiz. Between the two of us, we’re going to take over the WWF.

Q: What about the Asiatic spike?

A lot of people say it's too brutal a weapon to be allowed in the ring.

A: Too brutal a weapon? What about King Kong Mosca or Greg Valentine or Killer Khan? These men are three of the most brutal weapons in wrestling today, each of them a brilliant genius in his own right. When a wrestler climbs into the ring against me, he knows he's going up against one of the toughest, the meanest, the most cunning wrestlers of all time. They have to expect to suffer a little bit, to experience some pain before it's all over. My Asiatic spike is just a part of all that, it's a part of my style and it's a part of me. It gives my opponent something to think about.

Q: What is it that you want them to think about?

A: I want them to think about what a mistake it was for them to get into the ring with me in the first place. I want them to think that they are in the ring with the soon-to-be king of the WWF, I want them to think that they've had a head on collision with a wrestling master and complete superstar. Then after I'm done with them, I don't want them to be able to think at all. Usually, they can't.

Q: Do you have anything else you would like to say to anyone who might be reading this interview?

A: Yes. To my fans, and I know that there are half a million or more who are reading this right now, I would like to say that you won't have to wait very much longer. You've been patient for five years, and now your patience and



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Pedro Morales braces himself for the impact of Muraco's flying elbowsmash. Morales was attempting to regain the Intercontinental title he lost in an extremely controversial televised match with Muraco in June.



the hard work of both me and the Wiz is going to pay off. I would also like to say a few words to that bogus champion Backlund. Listen, Bobby boy, your days are numbered, your championship reign is nearing its finish. You haven't got long to last. You know it, those idiots who think they're your fans know it, and the entire wrestling world knows it. It's all over, Bobby, so enjoy your final days as champion.

Q: You sound very sure of yourself.

A: You'd be sure of yourself if you knew what the Wizard and I know. The rest of the world, though, will just have to wait to find out.

Q: Magnificent Muraco, thanks for joining us on the Hotseat.

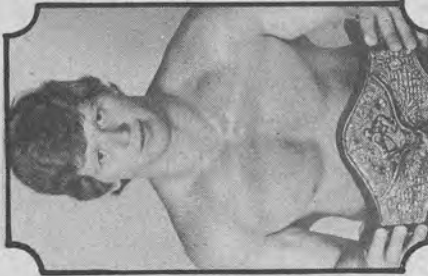
A: Thanks for finally getting my name right. □

INSIDE WRESTLING'S

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World Wrestling Federation



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BOB BACKLUND



1—MAGNIFICENT
MURACO

American Wrestling Association



Champion:
NICK BOCKWINKEL



1—TITO SANTANA

National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:
DUSTY RHODES



1—RODDY PIPER

Most Popular Wrestlers



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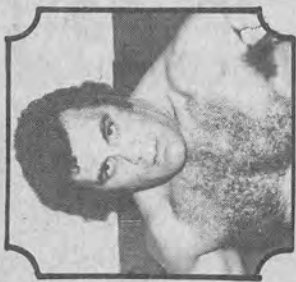


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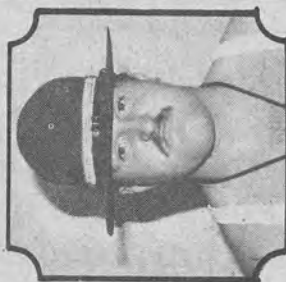




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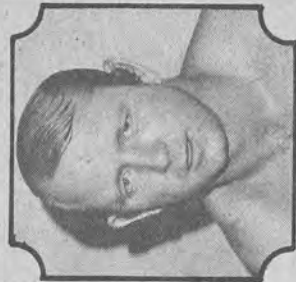


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3—DORY FUNK JR.



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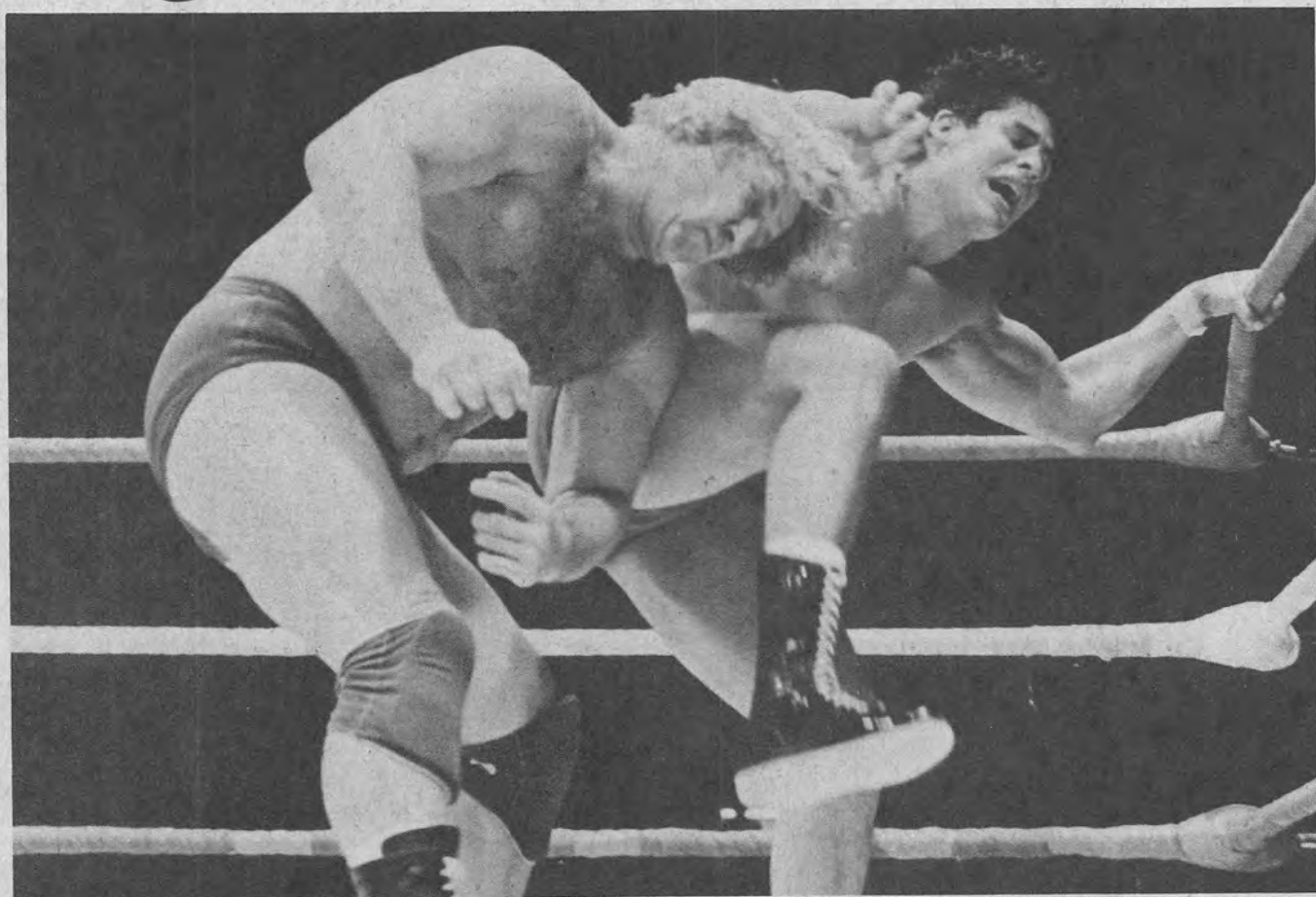


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& TULLY BLANCHARD

Tito Santana's Night of Greatness



**"THIS MATCH WAS
DEDICATED TO MY
UNFORTUNATE FRIEND"**

PHOTOS BY BOB RUIZ

Tito Santana's match with Nick Bockwinkel was much more than merely another shot at the AWA title. It was living testament to a young man's courage and strength. It was a supreme act of unselfishness and dedication. It was Santana's most important match ever

TITO SANTANA WAS finishing up lunch and reading through his mail the afternoon before a title match with AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel.

There were several other people in the room, all eating and having conversations with one another. Santana was involved in a conversation while he was skimming through his mail. Suddenly, he became silent and devoted his attention completely to the letter in his hands.

The other people in the room noticed Santana's total concentration and also quieted down, awaiting some sort of indication regarding that which had so strongly caught his attention.

After reading through the five page letter, Santana slowly placed it on the table in front of him and stared off into space with glassy eyes. A single syllable escaped his lips: "Wow."

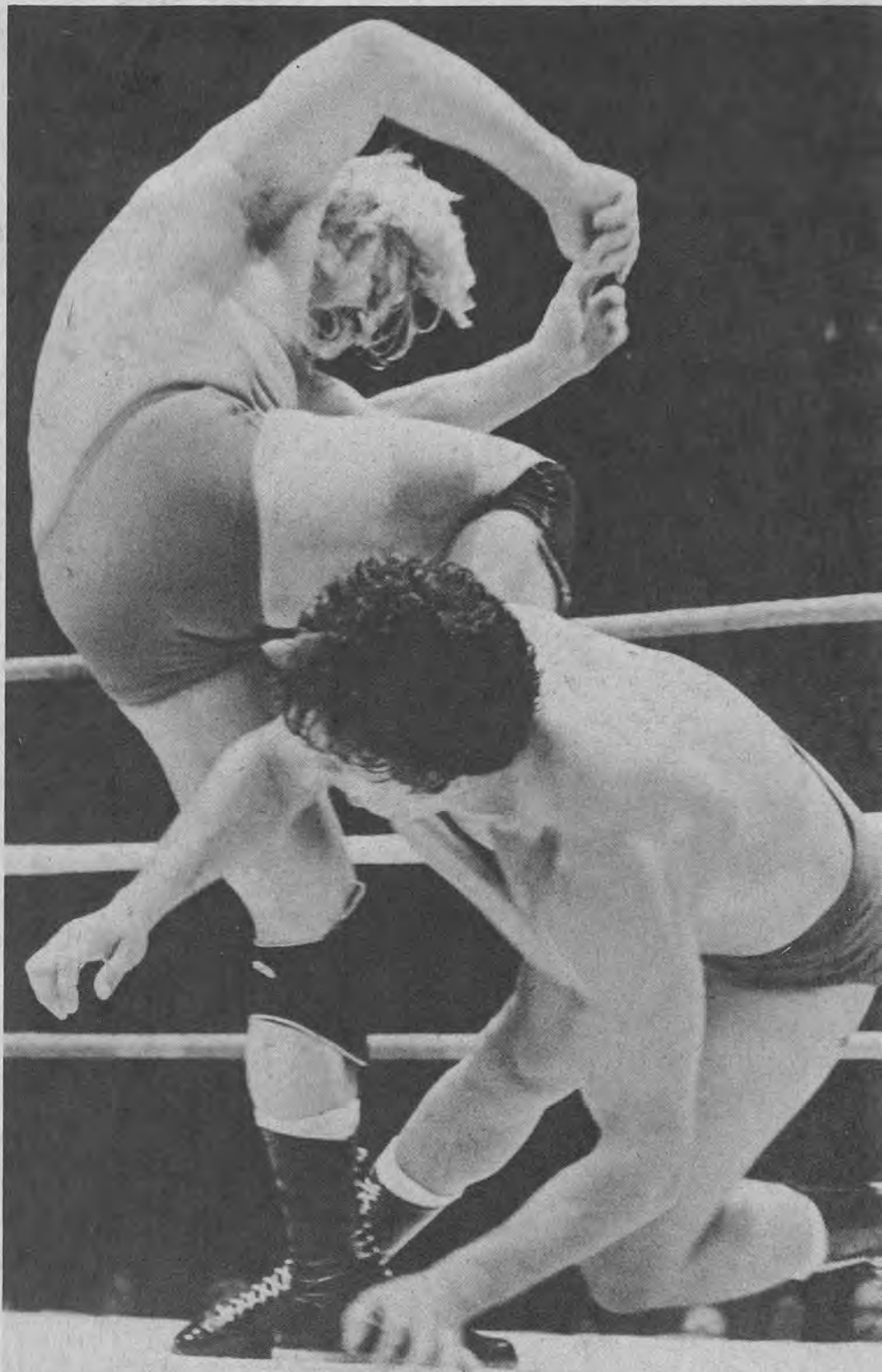
There was silence in the room for a few minutes, but soon the suspense was too much for everyone to handle. "What's the deal, Tito?" said one man. "Hey, what's it say? How come you're so spaced?" said another. A third man was worried about Tito's health, saying "Are you okay, man? What's the problem?"

Blinking his eyes a few times, Santana came back from his apparent trance to answer his concerned friends' questions.

"Look, there's no problem with me," Santana explained, "but I pray I could say the same for the cousin of the young lady who wrote this letter."

Santana shifted his weight in the chair, clearly a bit uneasy with what he was about to explain, though determined to explain the situation nevertheless.

"Her name is Nancy," Tito began, "and she has got a cousin Pat. Seems that I'm sort of . . . well, I guess a hero to Pat. He

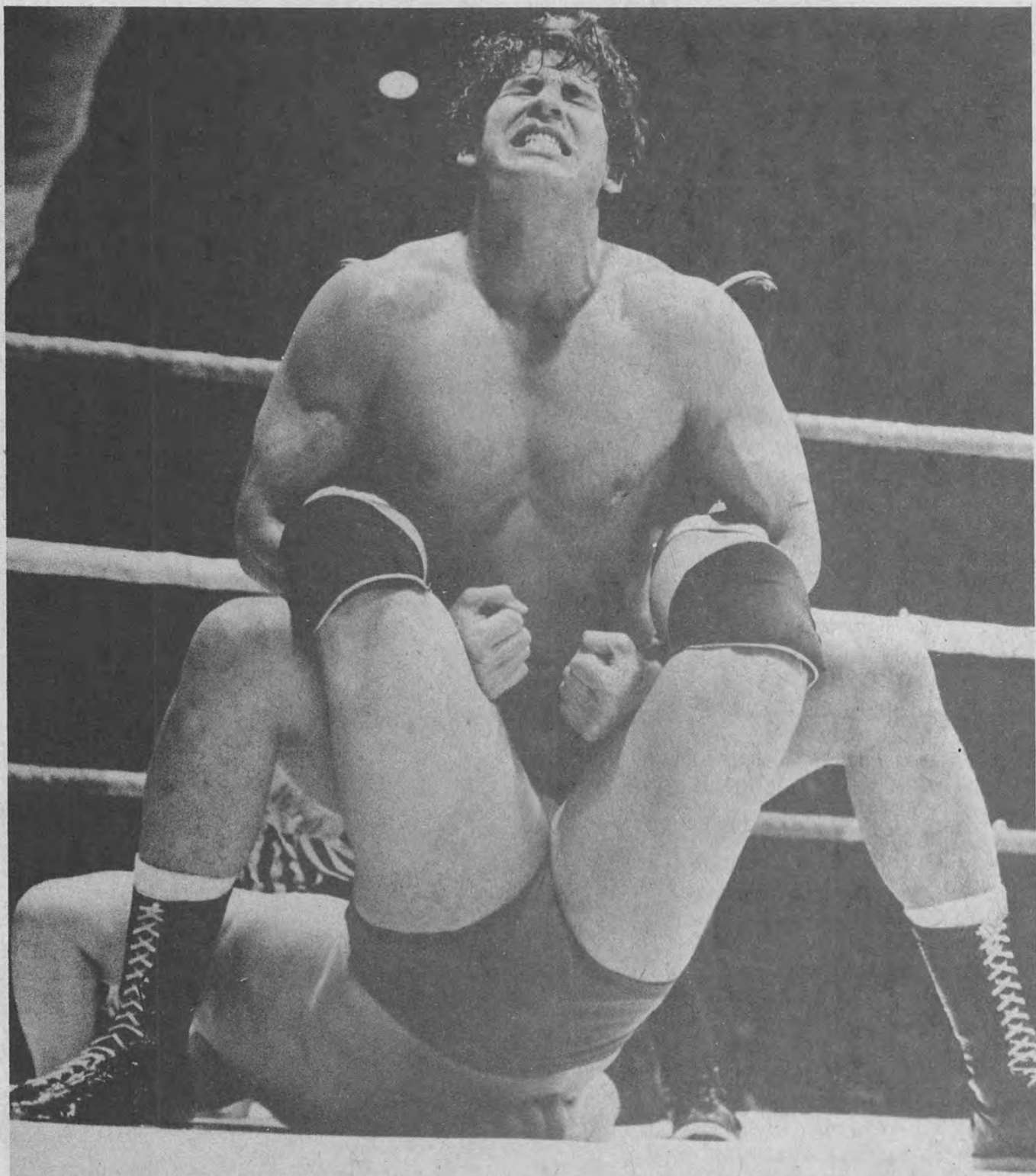


Some wrestlers are pushed to their potential in direct proportion to the importance of the match. Wrestling for Nick Bockwinkel's AWA title provided a lift for Santana, but that wasn't what made this match so important. Tito is momentarily felled by a kick to the ribs (above).

calls me 'the champion' and, according to Nancy, he was very depressed when I switched from the WWF to the AWA.

"Anyway," Tito continued, "that's not the main point. Nancy writes to me telling me about the heavy load this young

man must carry: she says he's 'different' looking, that he has brain damage which has stopped his mental growth at the age of seven, that he is more likely to become sick from things like flus and colds than you or me. Bottom line, my friends, is that



Bockwinkel manages to squirm to the ropes to force Santana to break his Boston Crab. Most ringside observers agreed that Tito was never better. If that were the case, little Pat can be very proud of both his hero and himself.

Pat is suffering from Down's Syndrome. He is a mongoloid."

The silence in the room was deafening, as each person quietly became absorbed in their own private thoughts. Tito Santana rose from his chair and slowly walked out of the room.

As he did so, he quietly said, "I'm leaving to prepare for tonight's match with Bockwinkel."

As Santana was leaving, he paused momentarily in the doorway speaking just loud enough for the rest of the room to hear. "And I swear to you now

that I will do my best tonight, I will do my best to claim the AWA title, and I will be wrestling with one purpose in mind: to do my best for Pat. I dedicate tonight's match to my unfortunate friend."

Santana left and was not seen again until he entered the ring



for his match with Bockwinkel. Even then, there was a thoughtful look of determination on his face.

Throughout the course of the match, Santana wrestled brilliantly, perhaps the best he has ever performed in the ring. Bockwinkel was in trouble many times and, crafty veteran that he is, was unable to retain his title only due to the fact that he was disqualified.

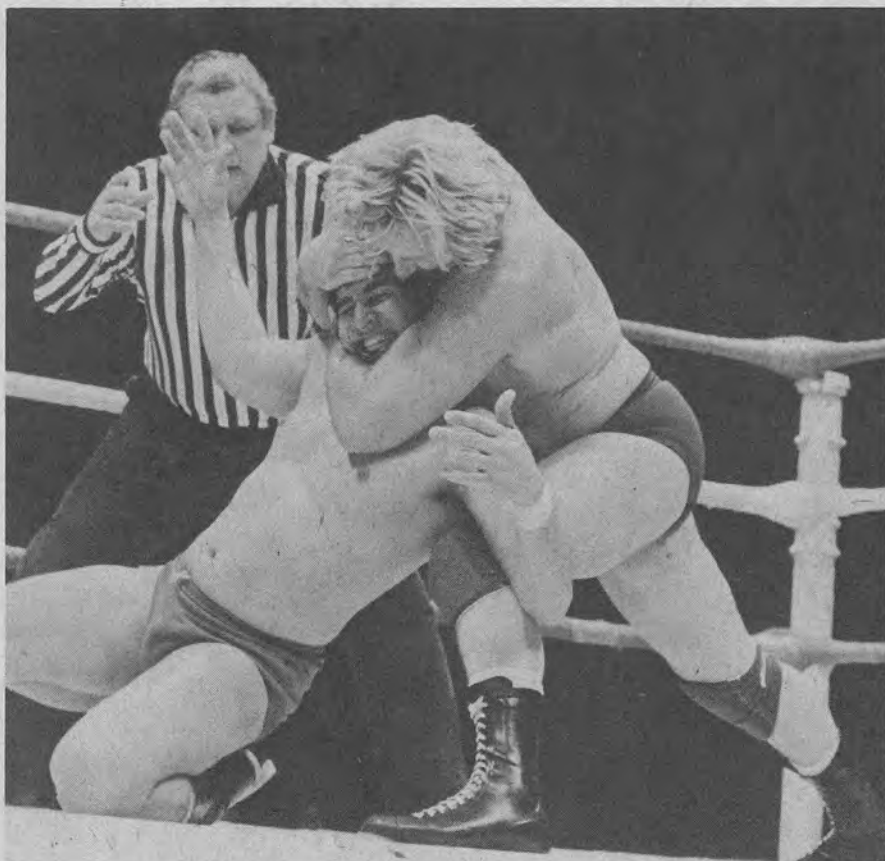
Following the match, Santana was still in somewhat of a reflective mood.

"I wrestled well tonight," he said, "and I'm not ashamed at all that I didn't dethrone Bockwinkel. The point is that I did the best I could.

"Nancy's letter got me to thinking," Santana continued. "There were a number of reasons that this match was dedicated to my unfortunate friend. Mainly, though, I think it was because of courage. The courage of that young man to endure and make the best out of his life with what he's got, despite the fact that he got shortchanged.

"Learning about Pat made me realize how fortunate I am to have what I do have, and how many people there are that aren't as lucky as I am.

"I'll tell you one thing, though, and you'd better



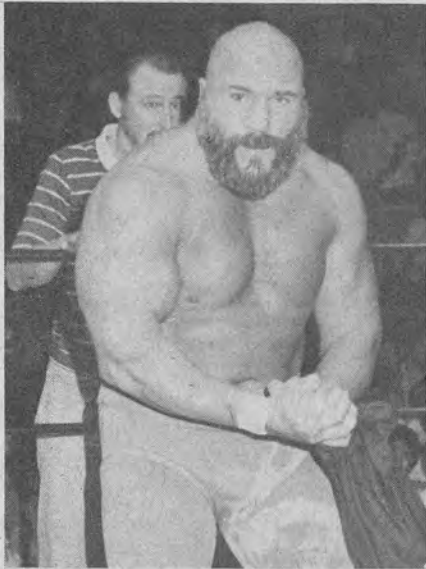
Bockwinkel lifts Santana off his feet with a perfectly placed knee to the solar plexus (top left). Santana refuses to fall to Bockwinkel's sleeper (above). Tito flings the champion across the ring (below).



remember this for all time," Santana said with intense seriousness in his voice. "Pat is a stronger young man than I'll ever be. Because strength is much more than mere physical power, and I don't think I have to

explain that fact to you any further . . . its meaning is obvious. I admire Pat for that special strength he commands. I only hope that I can live up to the faith he has placed in me as his chosen hero." □

ONE ON



SUPERSTAR GRAHAM

(Considered by many to pose the most dangerous challenge to Bob Backlund's WWF title, Greg Valentine is doing everything he can to ready himself for title matches. The man who knows most about Backlund is the man Bob defeated for the WWF title, Superstar Billy Graham. Exploring every avenue in his title quest, Valentine spoke to Graham about how best to beat Backlund.)

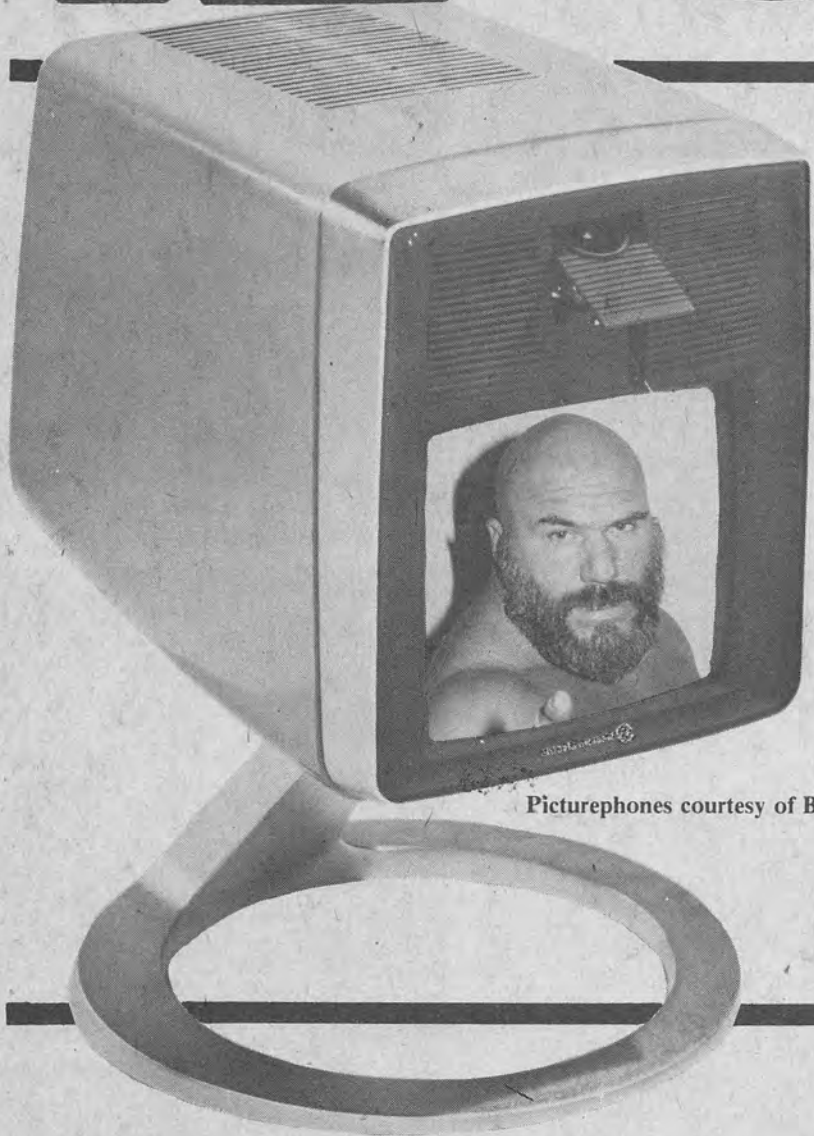
GREG VALENTINE:

Besides paying referees and currying favor with commissioners, what does Backlund do best?

SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM:

Backlund doesn't really depend on one strategy. There's nothing outstanding

about him, but he does the basics well. You have more raw ability than he does, but the guy is a fanatic for



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GREG VALENTINE

training. If you don't beat him, it'll be because he was better prepared than you were.

GV: Is that why you never took back your title?

SG: Damn straight! I didn't take that Howdy Doody lookalike seriously. I thought he was some dumb kid. By the time I realized what was happening, he had the referees and

commissioners in his back pocket.

GV: How do I combat that?

SG: How have you beaten it in the past?

GV: I understand what you mean. You don't beat it. You can't.

SG: Right! Fan favorites get all the breaks.

GV: That's why we have to make our own breaks.

SG: That's how I became

champion.

GV: Let's get back to how *I* can become champion.

SG: The best advice I can give you is get stupid.

GV: What the hell does that mean?

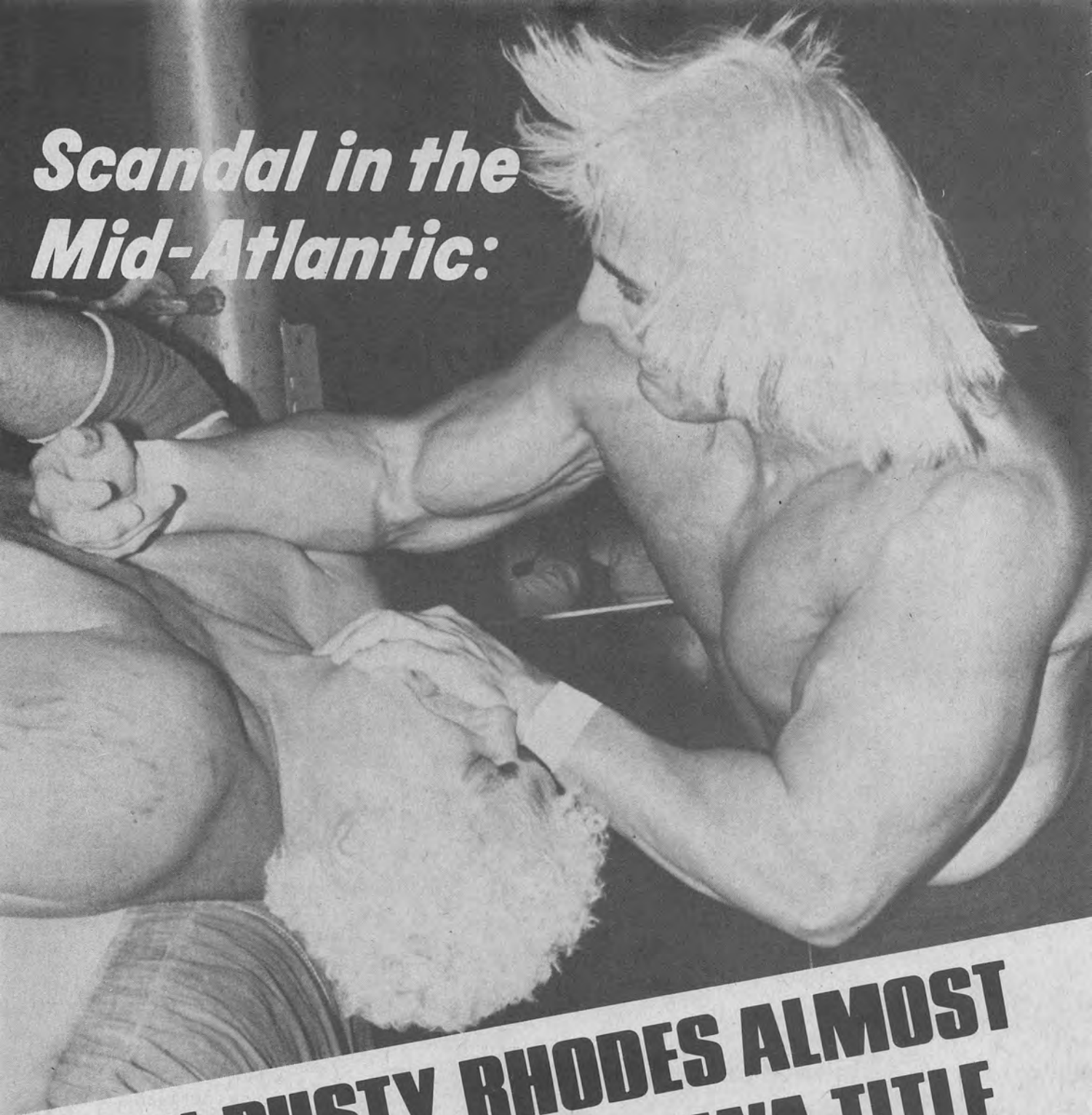
SG: This: you can't beat Backlund by using your brains. The kid learned his lessons well. He can pick up your strategies and figure out a defense before you know what hit you. He doesn't make mistakes. No one can outsmart him.

GV: I still don't get you.

SG: The only thing Backlund can't do is cope with something new. If you get reckless, get wild, do things without rhyme or reason, the punk will go crazy. He'll panic,

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Scandal in the Mid-Atlantic:



HOW DUSTY RHODES ALMOST SURRENDERED THE NWA TITLE TO AUSTIN IDOL

When pressures of the championship mount, anything can happen . . . and almost did recently in Richmond, Virginia, as Dusty Rhodes came within a hairsbreadth of committing the unthinkable: the American Dream nearly sacrificed the his NWA title to Austin Idol. How could such a thing happen?



Through the early stages of the match, Austin Idol had his way with Rhodes and the NWA title appeared to be on the verge of changing hands. But then something sparked Dusty into action and he stunned his challenger with a massive offensive.



BEING CHAMPION CAN develop into an emotionally as well as a physically draining experience. The demands made upon the NWA champion are enormous and relentless. Dusty Rhodes recently came face to face with the reality of these facts . . . the hard way.

For months, the American Dream has been enduring a match schedule unlike any he has ever had to face over his long and decorated career.

Such self-styled heirs to the NWA throne as Ted DiBiase, Roddy Piper, Jimmy Snuka, the Funks, The Assassins, and of course, Harley Race, have challenged Rhodes' hold on the title. The unceasing pressures of an almost daily defense of his

title have caused Rhodes to think again about the obligations he must tend to as champion.

When Dusty Rhodes came to Richmond, Virginia, there was much more than simply opponents on his mind. There was a level of discontent with the title that resulted from a combination of demands from the fans and criticism from the press in certain circles.

"I must admit," confessed Dusty, "that I was really on a low that day. I mean, everything seemed to be going wrong. I had just come off some pretty brutal title defenses, and the airline had sent my luggage to Philadelphia instead of Richmond."

"Not only that," he continued,
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DUSTY RHODES

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"but some clown had gotten hold of my phone number somehow and was making crank calls to me for three days. Stuff like, 'You fat dummy, you don't deserve to be the champion,' and, 'I'll bet they had to let the belt out a foot and a half before you could wear it.' It was nothing that really bothered me a lot, but it got under my skin that this guy kept hammering away at me. It bothered me that there wasn't much I could do to stop him. I finally had to get my number changed."

"Anyway," said Dusty, "I just went into Richmond with a crummy attitude. Frankly, I couldn't care less what happened with my match against Austin Idol, there was just too much other stuff on my mind."

A source close to Rhodes maintained that the problem was much more severe, though.

"He was in trouble," the anonymous man said, "and at the time he went into the ring, there was not much he could really do about it. I kept telling him to forget about all that other stuff and concentrate on Idol, but he didn't hear me. It was like he was just going to surrender the title to Idol if he didn't snap out of it."

During Rhodes' match with Idol, there were a number of times when it looked as if he was in severe trouble. At one point, Idol had jumped out of the ring and was pummeling Rhodes' chest and head with bone-jarring blows that left Rhodes groggy.

Idol took full advantage of the fact that Dusty had other things on his mind than his title defense. Ripping at his eyes (right) and kneedropping him in the corner (opposite right), Idol had Dusty in serious trouble.

Perhaps it was the grogginess that caused Rhodes to realize what kind of a situation he was actually involved in, for immediately thereafter, it was as if a new Dusty Rhodes was facing Austin Idol.

A headlock and a bodyslam by Rhodes sent Idol reeling, and it was clear that the Dream had been renewed.

"I don't understand it," said Austin Idol following his match with Rhodes. "For a good part of the match I could have sworn that I was going to strip the belt away from that chump. Then, all of a sudden, he changed completely. It was like being in the ring against a beagle one second and a tiger the next."

Of course, Dusty's title remained intact, though his offense was late in coming.



Almost too late.

"I realized in the ring that everything that was on my mind was insignificant compared to the responsibility of being NWA champ," the American Dream explained. "Why should I let idiots on the phone bother me? Why should I worry about my luggage?"



"Listen," continued Dusty, "life is too short to let the petty things bother you all the time. That's exactly what was happening to me: the petty things were beginning to eat at me. I couldn't let it happen anymore. I realized that in the ring against Idol. I also realized that my obligations are not only to my fans and to the title, but to myself as well. Most of all, I want to be able to defend that title the best way I know how. That's what was running through my mind when Idol had me on the mat, and that's when I realized what I had to do."

It looks as if Dusty's title reign has entered a new phase, one that will no doubt be earmarked by a renewed intensity and enthusiasm. Long may it endure. ☐

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ON THE ROAD

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Larry Zbyszko is quite sure of himself. According to reliable sources, he has special plans for his nemesis, Bruno Sammartino, and quite possibly, Bruno's son.

next day's taping.

"That guy must have gone completely bananas," said a worker who was concentrating on replacing the electrical wiring in one wall. "They tell me he was a wrestler or something. Hell, any guy who can do something like this I wouldn't want to go up against in the ring, I'll tell you that much."

I stepped over a couple of shredded two-by-fours into another portion of the studio searching for anyone left over from the Floyd show earlier that day. Apparently, Zbyszko had long since left the scene, as had most of the rest of the cast. There was one cast member remaining, though, who witnessed what had happened while Zbyszko was there.

"I don't know what was wrong with that maniac," said Oogie, Uncle Floyd's partner on the

program. "Larry comes in and says he wants to apologize for tearing apart the studio a couple of months ago and for beating up Floyd."

"So he starts to say his piece," Oogie continued, "and the next thing you know Floyd, brilliant man that he is, you know, always the one for subtlety, starts giving Larry some lip about his wrestling. Then he said a couple of things about Larry's piano playing. I like to call him Larry because I don't know how to say his other name. I don't even think Larry knows how to spell it."

"Anyway," said Oogie, "Larry was howling about what an idiot Floyd is and how if he was a wrestler he'd show him a thing or two just like he's gonna show Sammartino again soon, and how Floyd should just come to one of Larry's training sessions and he'd make sure he'd never play piano again."

So that's it! Oogie didn't know it, but he'd just let me know what it was all about. Apparently the scenes where Zbyszko had been raging about Sammartino had been edited from the tape before final broadcast, but I didn't have to see them to know the implications of what Oogie had said: Larry Zbyszko is in training and readying himself for a campaign once more against none other than Bruno Sammartino, and maybe even his son as well.

The drive back to Long Island was tinged with a mixture of excitement and disappointment. I was excited that I had learned about Zbyszko's plans, but disappointed that I was not able to speak with Zbyszko himself to learn more about what he intends to do. I have a hunch, though, he's saving that information only for Sammartino. □

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I told Rick of my observations during his bench-pressing.



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I must have looked confused, so Rick explained himself further. "Wrestling is a one-on-one confrontation," he said. "But it's not the one-on-one of you against your opponent. It's the one-on-one of you against what you want to accomplish. If you set your strategy correctly, nothing your opponent does will do him any good, so long as you can accomplish what you want. One-on-one; you against yourself."

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As Michael told me one night, late in the night when the truth seems to have a life of its own, "I can take anything. But I can't expect my family to have to take it. You know, it's not so hard being alone when you choose to do so. There's nothing harder than being

alone when you want to belong. I can't condemn my family, especially my brother, to have to live outside the community. My first responsibility is to them.

"I believed in The Freebirds. I won't apologize for anything I did. There were times when I would have gladly given my life for us to be as good as we could be. No one understood what we were trying to do. Maybe we were wrong."

Michael took a deep breath and stared out the window. The streetlights struggled to beam through a hazy fog. Michael watched as the fog thickened and the light almost disappeared.

"I have to make my brother proud of me," Michael continued. "That's the most important thing in my life now. If I can accomplish that, I'll be happy. Well, maybe not happy. I'll be satisfied."

"I used to think being champion was the most important thing in the world. Now, I just want everyone to stop hating me. I guess I'm doing the right thing. Everyone says I'm doing the right thing. Why do I feel so empty inside?"

Michael Hayes is a victim of wrestling. He isn't the big loser, though. The sport itself will suffer the most. That's what happens when the fans succeed in silencing a genius. □

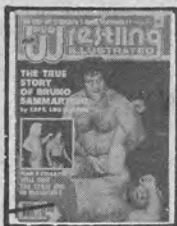
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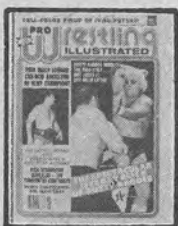
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no way the truth is going to escape this reporter."

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FAVORITISM CHARGED

I have just watched Bob Backlund defend his WWF belt in what I consider one of the most blatant and possibly shameful displays of favoritism I have ever seen!

It was okay when Backlund beat Stan Hansen with groin

kicks in the cage match; that was obviously a no disqualification bout. However, his latest match with Angelo "King Kong" Mosca at Madison Square Garden was an excellent example of poor sportsmanship. It always gets me mad when any wrestler attacks another before he has a chance to even get into the ring, let alone take his jacket off.

I have also lost any respect I had for Pat Patterson, the special referee. It was bad enough that Patterson knocked Mosca down and almost caused a Backlund pin. I even over-



Bob Backlund received preferential treatment from referee Pat Patterson in his match with King Kong Mosca, charges John W. Simpson.



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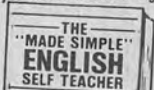
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looked the times when Patterson let Backlund break the rules (I don't mind a good fight), but Patterson gave Backlund the match when Mosca was pinned with one foot over the bottom rope.

When Backlund covered Mosca near the ropes, Mosca put his leg over the rope within two seconds. Patterson, out of position, started to go around Mosca. Since Mosca had his leg up, Patterson went the other way and gave a quick count to give the match to Backlund.

I know I'm not the only one to see this due to the fact that it was carried over national television—live! I hope Patterson is suspended, reprimanded, or, at least, fined for the active part he played in the match. It makes me very mad to see that kind of stuff in a championship match. The WWF

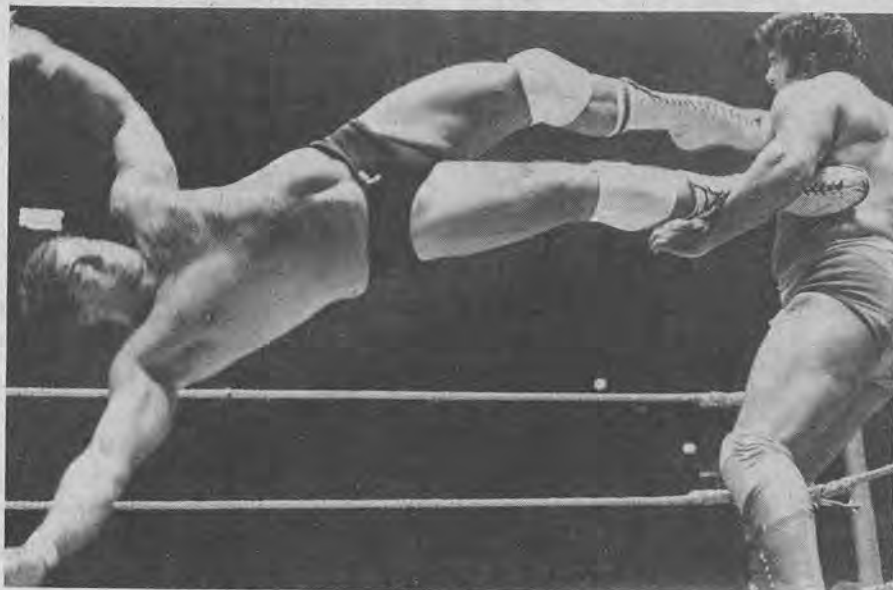
MISPLACED PRIORITIES

After reading Stu Saks' article in the July issue about yet another great wrestler, Ivan Putski, perchance leaving the WWF because he couldn't get a shot at the WWF belt, I became very angry, distressed, and confused. I always thought that good deeds were rewarded and evil deeds punished. It appears as if the opposite is true nowadays in the WWF. The villains are dominating the scene and seem to be the only ones in line to get a shot at the belt. Come on promoters! Where is your sense of fair play?

MARYANN BOYER
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SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT

Nothing pleased me more than when Don Muraco beat Pedro Morales for the Intercontinental championship. The



Displaying incredible agility for a man of his size, Magnificent Muraco dropkicks Pedro Morales. Reader Simon Brown feels Muraco will capture Bob Backlund's WWF championship.

should take a long look at this match. I feel Mosca deserves another title match very soon. If not, wrestling fans who are only able to see the WWF matches via television may decide that it is a petty operation and watch baseball instead!

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Andre

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applause only added fuel to the fire that was intended to roast Khan alive.

The opening bell sounded not only the start of the match, but the start of a hellishly blood-thirsty melee which seldom offered any indications of abating.

Khan was as savage as ever, perhaps even more so. As the Mongolian devil snarled menacingly at Andre, it appeared as if Khan was determined to sadistically cripple the Giant's other leg and send him right back to the hospital once again.

Andre would have none of it, returning Khan's ferocious cruelty with his own brand of

torturous brutality. The match reached such barbaric heights that the referee was constantly interjecting in an attempt to bring some sort of order to the chaos that was occurring. Each time the referee tried to interfere, though, Andre would direct him back to a neutral corner. Realizing the stakes involved in this confrontation, the referee surprisingly obeyed Andre and meekly retreated to a position far away from the action. As the match reached fever pitch once again and the referee felt compelled to interfere, he would repeatedly be ordered back by Andre.

Roughly 26 minutes into the murderous brawl, Khan

attempted to down Andre with a flying leg smash clearly derived from his kung-fu training. Andre, for a moment, was face down on the canvas. It looked as if he might be near defeat.

Then, suddenly, as if in response to the call of the crowd, Andre rose to his feet and sent Khan sprawling on the mat. But he didn't stop there. Andre jumped on top of the downed Killer and clamped his muscular hands around Khan's throat. The Mongolian's gurgling pleas for mercy could scarcely be heard above the roar of the crowd.

There was fire in Andre's eyes as he continued to lock his fists tighter and tighter around the neck of the man who had sent him into the hospital. It was beginning to look as if Andre would reciprocate Khan's brutality by sending him on a trip of his own—straight to the morgue.

Andre showed no signs of stopping his barbaric fiendishness. Before he realized what had happened, Bob Backlund, Tony Garea, and Rick Martel were on top of Andre, pulling his arms away from Khan's throat and preventing Andre from facing a court charge of murder. Andre was screaming: "Leave me alone! I want him!"

Other wrestlers soon entered the ring as well, helping to keep Andre away from Khan, hoping to calm him down, and attempting to lead him out of the ring and back to his dressing room.

As Andre took the long walk back to his room, he could be heard muttering to no one in particular: "Leave me alone, I want him, let me at him."

Few people could begin to imagine what might have been running through Khan's head. Most likely it was relief at being alive. □



The Giant leaps toward Khan, who tries, but cannot escape his path (above). Andre did not permit the referee to interfere in what the Giant wanted to do. So he orders the ref away from the action (below).



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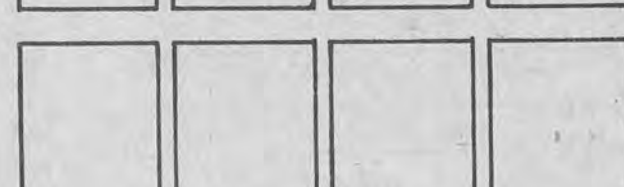
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Superstar Billy Graham opens up Bob Backlund's forehead during a 1978 encounter. The best way to beat Backlund, Graham tells Greg Valentine, is to utilize an unorthodox style.

make a fatal mistake, and then you've got him. The wrestlers who come closest to beating him are the brawlers, the guys who just go in there to mix it up.

GV: Can he be hurt?

SG: Anyone can be hurt. Still, the way to beat him is with a pin rather than a submission. The guy is too stupid to know when to quit. But if he's confused, upset, and scared, you'll be able to pin him. Out of frustration and fear, he'll be too overwhelmed to bridge out.

GV: I want to make him submit. I want him to surrender in front of all his fans. I want to show him up for the coward that he is.

SG: Then you're stupid.

GV: Watch who you're calling stupid!

SG: That's why we've got these picturephones, so I can watch you. Look, dummy, the best wrestlers in the world have gone after Backlund, hoping for a submission. That's what he expects, that's what he's prepared for. So you want to wrestle to his strength. That's stupid. If you were smart, you'd go for the pin and the title.

GV: I want the title on my own terms.

SG: Good. You'll get a couple of title shots, maybe more, but you won't get the title. Look, stupid, even if you come



Graham, one of the most powerful men in the sport's history, lowers Backlund to his knees. Graham dropped the WWF title to Backlund and could never get it back.

close to forcing a submission, the referee will make you break the hold. It's much harder for them to cheat on a pin. Backlund can't be protected as easily. If you're going for the title, use your brains. If you want to prove what a big, strong man you are, lift weights.

GV: If it's so easy to get back the title on a pin, how come you didn't do it?

SG: I was stupid. I tried for a submission. I was the first to make that mistake, though. That nobody learned from my mistake shows they're much stupider than I am. And if you don't learn from me, you're a moron.

GV: I'm no moron.

SG: We'll see. If you leave the WWF without the title, then you're a moron. If you have the belt, it'll prove you're smart enough to listen to me. ☐

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Larry Zbyszko, who is in special training for his arch-rival Bruno Sammartino, reportedly turned down a lucrative offer to go on a 24-city promotional tour for an alphabet soup producer.

FACT: Steele, we are sure, is capable of anything. We know, however, that this rumor is the dream of some ill-informed fan. It is widely known in wrestling circles that "The Animal" is petrified of airplanes and only flies when he has to.

"We once had to get the guards to chain George down while he was waiting for a plane at LaGuardia Airport in New York City," said manager Freddie Blassie. "George hates airports and airplanes. He'd walk if he had his way."

RUMOR: Fan favorite turned rulebreaker Larry Zbyszko turned down a \$1 million-a-year offer from one of the top instant soup companies to continue wrestling!

The rumor has it that Zbyszko was asked to endorse the soup company's brand of alphabet soup, make television and radio commercials, and visit 24 cities in a promotional tour.

FACT: Zbyszko is set on returning to the WWF and ending the career of his arch-rival and former mentor, Bruno

Sammartino.

"The endorsements and TV shows—and I'm sure there will be plenty of them—can wait until I'm done with that Italian imbecile," said Larry. "After I'm through with him, his ugly face is gonna look like alphabet soup."

INJURY REPORT

Fan favorite DAVID VON ERICH is recovering from neck and back injuries suffered as a result of a HARLEY RACE brainbuster on the floor of a TV studio in St. Louis.

Florida's JERRY BRISCO injured his shoulder when he was the target of a gang-up by THE ASSASSINS. Brisco is not expected to miss much action.

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Think how many secrets must be hidden all around you! Things your spouse won't tell...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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A Master Researcher, Metaphysician, and Psychic Advisor, he has helped countless men and women find true happiness. He has the rare ability of writing clearly and simply so that even the most profound Truths can be plainly understood by anyone.

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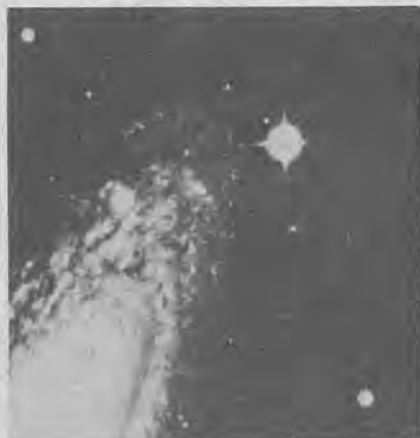
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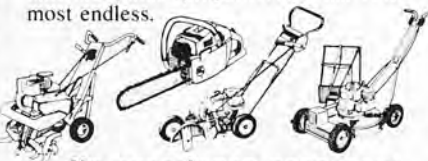
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